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## AROUND THE WORLD...

### Kuwaitis donate \$1.5 m to rebuild Fao

BAGHDAD (R) — Kuwaitis have donated more than \$1.5 million to rebuild the small southern Iraqi town of Fao, shattered in the eight-year war with Iran, an Iraqi newspaper said Wednesday. The daily Arab Batha Party daily Al Thawra said Kuwaitis had given \$5,000 Kuwaiti dinars, (\$1.54 million), to rebuild the town, 90 kilometers southeast of the port city of Basra.

### Pakistan bars opposition from air

ISLAMABAD (R) — Pakistani opposition politicians will remain barred from national television and radio in their campaign for next month's elections, a government spokesman said Wednesday. Presidential adviser Z.A. Suleri told a news conference he had advised the government to grant opposition parties access to television and radio, which are state-run. "But the government had decided otherwise for its own reasons," he said without elaborating.

### Rafsanjani names Rafiq-Dost as advisor

NICOSIA (AP) — Hashemi Rafsanjani, Iran's powerful parliament speaker and acting commander-in-chief of the armed forces, Wednesday appointed former Revolutionary Guards Minister Mubsen Rafiq-Dost his military advisor. Rafiq-Dost was appointed in November 1982 as minister of the Revolutionary Guards, who comprise fighters devoted to Iran's Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini. He was dismissed last September after a non-confidence vote in parliament.

### Supreme Soviet Praesidium opens meeting

MOSCOW (AP) — Led by Mikhail S. Gorbachev, the Supreme Soviet Praesidium, the nation's top executive body, met Wednesday to set the agenda of a parliamentary session expected to pass the 1989 state budget, the TASS news agency reported. The Supreme Soviet legislature is scheduled to convene Thursday in the Kremlin. The 1,500 lawmakers are also expected to approve the state economic and social development plan for next year, a key document designed to translate Gorbachev's reformist ideas into practice.

### Kabul urges U.N. to speed up Afghan relief

ISLAMABAD (R) — Afghan Foreign Minister Abdul Wakil has complained that the U.N. relief programme for his country is too slow and should be speeded up, the official Bakhtar news agency said Wednesday. Bakhtar said Wakil discussed the reconstruction programme with Karl England, the United Nations Development Programme chief in Kabul, Sunday. He told the U.N. official there was "a tangible dullness" in the programme and said his Soviet-backed government was doing "all in its power to accelerate the process."

### Thatcher defends IRA broadcast ban

LONDON (AP) — Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher Wednesday defended her government's ban on British media broadcasting on the continent of Ireland. She said the ban was necessary to prevent the Irish Republican Army (IRA) from using the media to recruit and raise funds. She said the ban was a necessary measure to maintain law and order in Ireland.

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### Jayawardene accepts monks' peace plan

COLOMBO (R) — Sri Lanka's President Junius Jayawardene, facing mounting opposition to his government, agreed in principle Wednesday to dissolve parliament and hold elections under a caretaker administration. He said he would only go ahead with the proposals, made earlier by four widely respected Buddhist leaders, if they were also accepted by the People's Liberation Front. Officials have blamed the front for inciting widespread anti-government protests in recent weeks. Jayawardene, in a letter replying to the Buddhist leaders' proposals for bringing peace to Sri Lanka, said he and the government had agreed to announce a date for parliamentary elections. The letter, released to reporters, did not specify either the poll date or when it would be announced.

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### Spanish foreign minister visits Kuwait

KUWAIT (R) — Spanish Foreign Minister Francisco Fernandez Ordonez discussed Gulf war peace talks and other Middle East issues Wednesday with Kuwaiti Foreign Minister Sheikh Sabah Al Ahmad Al Sabah. Ordonez, the first Spanish foreign minister to visit Kuwait, arrived from Saudi Arabia on a Gulf tour before Spain assumes the European Economic Community (EEC) presidency Jan. 1.

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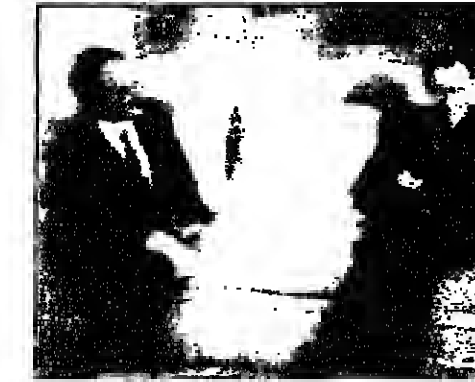
FRANKFURT (AP) — A defence lawyer for confessed hijacker Mohammed Ali Hamadi said Wednesday he had asked a Frankfurt court to stop hearing any more witnesses in his trial until evidence held in the United States can be checked. Hamadi is charged with murder and air piracy in the June 14, 1985 hijacking of the Athens-to-Rome flight, which two Lebanese diverted to Beirut. Attorney Hans-Burkhard Steck told the AP in a telephone interview Wednesday: "We have asked that no new witnesses be heard until we can see all evidence on Hamadi held by the United States."

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## Crown Prince releases ICIHI final report at Club of Rome

PARIS (Agencies) — His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan formally released the final report of the Independent Commission on International Humanitarian Affairs (ICIHI) here Wednesday. The Crown Prince, launching the report at a Club of Rome meeting here, called for discussions to implement the proposals and recommendations contained in the report. "We also need an alliance of people and institutions which share similar views so that we can jointly participate in a noble task that serves as a prelude to serving mankind," the Crown Prince told the gathering. The ICIHI is co-chaired by the Crown Prince and Prince Siddrudin Aga Khan. The Crown Prince released the commission's final report in London earlier this month.



His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan Wednesday confers with French Prime Minister Michel Rocard in Paris (Petra wirephoto)

Later Wednesday, the Crown Prince met with French Prime Minister Michel Rocard and discussed bilateral relations and means to bolster them and current international issues. The Club of Rome, made up of a group concerned with world problems and the future of humanity, attracted widespread attention in the 1970s when it published a report warning of the dangers of uncontrolled economic expansion. This week, as it celebrates its 20th anniversary, the club hopes to reinvigorate its activities by obtaining more resources to extend its work, and steamlining its approach to become more professional.

The club's basic objectives are to look with a long-term perspective at the basic problems facing human society, the interaction between them and the need to tackle them all simultaneously. The problem of unemployment is one of the issues that will be dealt with during this week's meeting.

## 15 killed, 40 injured in Israeli raids on Lebanon

SIDON (Agencies) — Israeli jets blasted Palestinian camps in Lebanon Wednesday as Israel's local militia allies launched a local offensive towards resistance lines in the port of Sidon. Air strikes killed 15 people and wounded 40 in bases near Sidon. A Palestinian official said, while one was reported wounded in other raids on areas close to Beirut. About 200 militiamen of the Israeli-backed South Lebanon Army (SLA), supported by armoured vehicles, launched a two-prong offensive from their stronghold of Jezine, security sources in the town 21 kilometres east of Sidon said. They said the SLA exchanged heavy artillery fire with Palestinian fighters and the Popular Liberation Army (PLA), dug in around the southern port of Sidon.

The SLA seized hilltops overlooking Sidon, Mieh Mieh and another Palestinian refugee camp at Ain Al Hilweh, the sources said. They said four PLA militiamen were killed and three captured by the SLA, who they said had planned the offensive with Israeli officers. They said the SLA withdrew more than four hours later to Kfar Fahus but kept its grip on one of the strategic hills as artillery exchanges continued. They said two SLA men were injured in the fighting. Residents in Sidon said shells hit the town, forcing people off the streets. A senior Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) commander was among the dead at one vast base pulverised in the Israeli air raids.

## Gaza stages strike; troops destroy homes

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM (Agencies) — Palestinians in the occupied Gaza Strip staged a full strike Wednesday after a call by the Islamic resistance movement Hamas and the Israeli army imposed curfews on seven of Gaza's eight camps, confining some 24,000 residents to their homes. The army destroyed three Palestinian homes and sealed one in Khan Younis in Gaza for attacks on Arafat suspected of collaborating with Israeli forces, an army spokesman said. The army also destroyed the home of Yasser Mahmoud Al Hawajiyah in Rafah for allegedly stabbing four guards in Gaza prison in July. Troops shot and wounded three Palestinians during clashes between stone-throwing protesters and soldiers in Jabalya village and Nuseirat refugee camp in Gaza.

Felicia Langer, lawyer for Palestinian Ibrahim Marur who died in a military prison in Dahariya, was investigating legal steps after reports Marur had been severely beaten before he died last week, the Jerusalem Post said. The four houses torn down in Khan Yunis were used by a group that allegedly threatened Arafat working for the Israeli military administration and injured one such worker. The members of the group were arrested earlier. In Nablus, the West Bank's largest city, three Palestinian boys were shot in three different stone-throwing incidents, officials at the Al Itihad and St. John's hospitals said. A 20-year-old man also was admitted to Al Itihad hospital after being shot during a clash in the Tulkarem refugee camp, the officials said.

## U.N. chief: Mideast peace should encompass aspirations of people living under occupation

By Lima Nabeel  
Special to the Jordan Times

AMMAN — United Nations Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar has said that any solution to the Palestinian problem should take into consideration the aspirations of the Palestinian people living in the Israeli-occupied territories and the U.N. would engage itself in Middle East peace efforts within the framework of the various resolutions adopted by the Security Council on the Arab-Israeli conflict. Perez de Cuellar, answering questions teleaxed to him from Amman this week, said he remained optimistic over the peace talks between Iran and Iraq and that he hoped that the issue of exchange of prisoners of war (PoWs) held by both sides could be expedited in the near future with help from the International Red Cross.

The U.N. chief also said that a U.N. plan presented to the parties involved in the Western Sahara conflict takes into consideration the positions of the parties and was a "solid example of multilateralism in action." The U.N. chief answered the questions before he announced that the Iran-Iraq negotiations would resume in Geneva Oct. 31 and before a U.N. committee voted to seek direct talks between Morocco and Polisario, the two main parties involved in the dispute over the Western Sahara. Following is the full interview:

Question: Do you think that the current negotiations under your auspices between Iran and Iraq would lead to a real and permanent peace between the two countries?  
Answer: It is certainly my hope that the efforts I am now making to implement Security Council Resolution 598 will lead to a durable settlement of the differences between Iran and Iraq. In operative paragraph 4 of that resolution, the Security Council calls upon the two countries to cooperate with me in mediation efforts to "achieve a comprehensive, just and honourable settlement, acceptable to both sides, of all outstanding issues." With the cooperation of the parties involved, and the support of the international community, we should be able to settle all outstanding issues, as the resolution requests.

## King: Lebanon situation warrants Arab summit

LONDON (Agencies) — His Majesty King Hussein has said that the situation in Lebanon warranted urgent Arab consultations at the highest level and it was the right time to convene an Arab summit.

In an interview with the London-based Al Haya daily published Thursday, the King said the situation in Lebanon had reached a most critical stage and many powers, within and outside the country, were influencing the situation there. The King said he would launch contacts with the leaders of Saudi Arabia to discuss convening an Arab summit.



H.M. King Hussein

The focus of the contacts, he said, will be on what could be done to help Lebanon and avert the collapse and partition of the country. The King said the situation in Lebanon should be discussed, regardless of whether the summit was held or not, within the framework of the contacts taking place on the highest level in the Arab World.

that the PLO was in the process of crystallising its positions and launching a political effort based on the responsibility it is currently shouldering. "I believe that this position will shortly crystallise," he said. On Jordan-PLO relations, the King said: "There is keenness to continue consultations, and I believe that Mr. Arafat will visit Jordan after the Palestine National Council (PNC) session, which is scheduled to be held in Algiers Nov. 12."

The King added that the Aqaba talks neither touched on the issue of a joint delegation nor on the confederation issue between Jordan and the proposed Palestinian state. The King pointed out that the confederation issue was "initiated, in our view, as a means to pave the way for the PLO to play its role in representing the Palestinian people on the international level and in the framework of the international conference."

He said that the new situation, "which resulted from our measures pertaining to severing legal

### Aqaba meeting

The King said the recent meeting he had with Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak and Palestinian Liberation Organisation (PLO) Chairman Yasser Arafat in Aqaba was positive and very satisfactory. He said he believed

their contribution."

By Caroline Faraj  
Jordan Times Staff Reporter

Had Jordan received the full commitment of Arab aid, the prime minister said, the Kingdom would not have faced the present situation. "We can control some of our payments while some are beyond our control," he said. He cited debt-servicing payments and meeting oil import bills as beyond Jordan's control. He also mentioned pension payments for retired government employees as another sector where nothing could be done. He estimated that Jordan needs JD 325 million in 1989 to meet debt-servicing and pension payments.

AMMAN — The economic measures adopted by the government in recent months and the latest adjustments in the exchange rates of the Jordanian dinar are part of a package aimed at improving the economic situation in the country and helping the citizens, Prime Minister Zaid Rifai said Wednesday. In a meeting with ministers and senior officials from various departments and organisations, the prime minister made a comprehensive review of events related to the national economy in the last 10 years and said the latest measures were "the only solution" to correct the situation.

Rifai dismissed as unfounded rumours that there was a decline in remittances by Jordanian expatriates and said the total of such remittances last year was JD 317 million and the government was expecting JD 334 million in 1988.

The prime minister also noted that Jordanian exports were worth JD 315 million in 1987 and are expected to rise to JD 326 million this year, and that tourism revenues amounted to JD 196 million in 1987 and are expected to be more than JD 241 million in 1988. In the context of tourism, the prime minister said every visitor to Jordan was considered a tourist. Rifai said the government collected about JD 260 million as port and aviation revenues and other services and noted that these sources had become heavier than in previous years.

But, Rifai noted, Jordan still enjoyed very good creditability rating in the international scene because the Kingdom is up-to-date in its debt repayments and servicing. Jordan pays an average of JD 300 million as interest on foreign loans, he said. "We cannot reduce our oil imports at this stage," he said. "But we can control other imports." In 1987, he said, Jordan imports goods worth JD 912 million — three-fold of Jordan's total exports — thus causing a balance of trade problem, he said.

"Another sector we can control is the outflow of money in the form of expenditures by Jordanians travelling abroad — for education, work, tourism etc.," he said. "An amount of JD 180 million was paid by Jordanians for these purposes last year," he said. "It was only slightly less than what we received (JD 196 million) in tourism revenue last year," he noted.

Another area that could be controlled is transfers by foreigners working in Jordan who accounted for \$62 million in outward remittances in 1987, he said. There are about 200,000 foreigners working in Jordan, he said.

The present difficult economic situation in the country is not a short-term development, Rifai said noting that Jordan had borrowed from outside for development projects as well as defence and security purposes in addition to pay for debt servicing in the last decade. The Central Bank of Jordan (CBJ) and the concerned ministries made a thorough study of the economic developments in the country in the last 10 years and concluded that Jordan had only \$900 million as foreign debt in another five to six years. He cited figures from 1978 when Jordan was

able to pay only \$19 million of the \$500 million it owed and pointed out that the Kingdom borrowed \$480 million in 1987 while repaying \$688 million.

Rifai pointed out that the adjustment in the exchange value of the dinar, Rifai said that the government had drawn from CBJ reserves to pay its foreign debts, thus causing a shortage of foreign currency reserves. "We strove hard to keep the price of dollar at 380 fils but could not do so because of the low reserves, and the only solution was the adjustment of the rate."

Rifai pointed out that the adjustment in the exchange rate was beneficial on several counts, including increased Jordanian exports and reduced consumption of imported products. He also noted that reduced earning would result in reduced foreign workers in the country.

The unemployment in the country is behavioural, Rifai said pointing out that many Jordanians are not willing to take up jobs presently taken up by foreigners. Rifai said that Jordan would not be borrowing from the outside for any new development project. "We will complete the projects currently under implementation," he said. The prime minister said the private sector was not assuming its full role in the country's economic efforts and that the sector's share in development was only three per cent.

The government, he said, is adopting a strict policy of curbing expenditure and reducing consumption including water, electricity, transportation and travel within and outside the country of officials, furniture etc. Other envisaged measures include curbs on imports of certain goods to encourage local industry owned by the private sector, investment incentives and privatisation of some government owned organisations, Rifai said.

## Iraq assails Iranian offer to swap PoWs

BAGHDAD (Agencies) — Iraq said Wednesday Iran was behaving like a carpet trader by offering to swap plane-loads of wounded prisoners of war (PoWs). "Iranian officials are treating human beings as if they are carpets or commercial commodities when they talk about the exchange of a plane full of wounded Iraqi prisoners of war for every plane-load of wounded Iranian prisoners repatriated by Iraq," Foreign Ministry Under-Secretary Nizar Hamdoun said. An Iranian source told Reuters Tuesday Iran had told the United Nations of its swap-offer in response to a recent statement by Iraq that it was sending home 25 injured Iranian PoWs.

The source said there would be no limit to such an agreement, "based on voluntary repatriation and reciprocity."

Hamdoun said Wednesday Baghdad welcomed the resumption of the adjourned peace talks in Geneva Oct. 31. On the other hand, Iran has reiterated that a 13-year-old accord declared null and void by Iraq at the start of the Gulf war is the only basis for solving border disputes between the two sides.



Javier Perez de Cuellar

Security Council has ever ceased to seek a peaceful settlement. You will recall that Resolution 598 was unanimously adopted over one year ago. The unanimity of the council on that occasion gave the resolution added force, and made it possible for us to

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## Tunisia drafts national pact

TUNIS (R) — Tunisia's political parties have drafted a "national pact" reflecting a trend away from the determined westernisation carried out under former President Habib Bourguiba.

The draft, published by the independent newspaper *Al Sahab* Wednesday, advocates a progressive form of Islam and the use of Arabic in education.

But it also calls for the protection of women's rights acquired under Bourguiba, whose 30-year hold on power was brought to an end last year when doctors declared him senile.

The pact is the work of a commission set up by Bourguiba's successor, Zine El Abidine Ben Ali, who is trying to create a pluralist democracy.

Ibn Ali is expected to endorse the pact Nov. 7, the first anniversary of the day he removed Bourguiba from power.

The draft, which is not expected to undergo many changes, says, "Tunis is proud of being Arab and Muslim: It is part of the Arab World and the Muslim community."

Bourguiba discouraged any emphasis on Tunisia's Arab and Muslim identity. A Muslim opposition movement arose in his latter days, partly in response to

his European ideas.

The pact adds, however, that Islam in Tunisia should be "open to the issues and concerns of all humanity and to the issues of the age and of modernity."

It says that the Tunisian civil status law is proof of Islam's vitality and ability to adapt to change.

The law bans polygamy and allows women to sue for divorce. The pact says the Tunisian state will support the Arabic language and make it the language of administration and education. "Duty requires that we be open to world civilisations and to other languages," it adds.

French, is still widely used both in government and in education.

## Saudi diplomat shot dead outside Ankara home

ANKARA (AP) — The second secretary at Saudi Arabia's embassy in Turkey was shot to death Tuesday evening in front of his apartment building, Ankara's governor said Wednesday.

Saffet Arkan Beduk told the AP that Abdullahi Bedawi was fatally shot around 10 p.m. (2000 GMT) while entering his apartment building in the affluent Cankaya district. He said Bedawi died instantly after being shot in the head and chest.

Saudi Arabia's ambassador, Abdul Aziz Khojah, told the AP Wednesday that the "kill-

ing could not possibly be a result of personal conflict or for burglary."

No one claimed responsibility for the attack. "The police did not know the purpose behind the incident," Beduk said. He said police did not know how many gunmen were involved, but were investigating.

Khojah said the Saudi Arabian embassy received more than 100 threatening letters during the holy pilgrimage season in the spring. He said the letters, written in Turkish, were not addressed to Bedawi but to the entire embassy.

## Israel files charges against journalists reporting 'death squad'

TEL AVIV (Agencies) — The military censor filed police complaints against three journalists who allegedly violated censorship rules by publishing reports about undercover army units without submitting them to army review.

The complaints were filed late Tuesday against Paul Taylor and Steve Weisman of the Reuters news agency and Andrew Whitley of the Financial Times, said Yoram Ettinger, head of the press office. The press credentials of all three were suspended Tuesday pending an investigation, he said.

The government considered taking steps against the entire Reuters office in Israel, but decided to limit the action to the two reporters "due to our respect to the office as a whole," Ettinger said.

However, he added further steps could be taken if Reuters continues to violate Israel's censorship regulations.

Israeli law requires journalists to submit news

reports regarding "security" matters to decide what constitutes a "security" matter.

The reporters whose credentials were withdrawn may continue working in Israel, but will not be granted interviews by government and army officials.

A Reuters story by Weisman Sunday said undercover army units had orders to shoot Palestinians identified as activists in demonstrations in the occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip.

Taylor, the Reuters bureau chief in Israel, said he did not think the agency had broken censorship rules but he did not explain the statement.

"We stand by the story," he said.

The army spokesman released a carefully-worded statement denying the Reuters report. "There is no unit in the Israel defence forces which is authorised to act, or which acts, against the well-known rules for opening fire which are grounded in the law," the statement read.

# PLAZA

**Friday**  
Sunday & everyday  
LUNCH BUFFET  
at the  
COFFEE SHOP  
JD. 5.500pp

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INDIAN NIGHT  
ENJOY  
OUR DELICIOUS  
INDIAN  
BUFFET  
SPECIALLY  
MADE  
FOR YOU  
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# Sunday

LOBSTER NIGHT  
At the  
ANDALUSIA  
Seafood Hors-D'oeuvres  
Lobster Imperial  
Strawberry Pancakes  
Coffee & Petit Fours  
JD. 8.000pp

# Monday

PRIME RIB NIGHT  
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COFFEE SHOP  
Prime Rib,  
Yorkshire Pudding  
Baked Potato  
Garden Peas  
Followed by  
Apple Pie & Cream  
JD. 4.500pp

# Tuesday

SHRIMP NIGHT  
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SEAFOOD Cocktail  
Grilled Shrimps  
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Shrimps with  
Spinach Souffle  
Fresh Summer Fruits  
Coffee & Petit Fours  
JD. 8.000pp

# Wednesday

Spanish Speciality  
Paella Night  
at the  
COFFEE SHOP  
VEGETABLE & SAFFRON SOUP  
SEAFOOD PIRELLA  
WITH GREEN SALAD  
Sweets from our Buffet  
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## JORDAN TIMES DAILY GUIDE AND CALENDAR

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20:00 ..... Evening Show  
21:00 ..... Evening Show Contd.  
21:30 ..... News Summary  
22:00 ..... Evening Show Contd.  
22:30 ..... News Headlines  
23:00 ..... Close Down

**PROGRAMME TWO**

17:30 ..... Le Monde Magique de chantal  
18:00 ..... "La Production primaire en Mer"  
18:30 ..... Ruc Carnot  
19:00 ..... News in French  
19:15 ..... UN DB De Plus  
19:30 ..... News in Hebrew  
19:45 ..... Programme on Czechoslovakia  
20:00 ..... News in Arabic  
20:30 ..... Bill Cosby Show  
21:10 ..... Beauty and the Beast  
22:00 ..... News in English  
22:30 ..... Feature film: "Carnival Story"

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09:30 Twenty-Four Hours: News Summary  
09:30 Just Plain Madness 09:45 Network UK 10:00 World News 10:09  
Reflections 10:15 Sportsworld 10:30  
John Peel 11:00 World News 11:09  
British Press Review 11:15 The World  
Today 11:30 Financial News followed  
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12:00 News Summary followed by  
Assignment 12:30 The Million Pound  
Radio Show 13:00 World News 13:09  
News about Britain 13:15 News Ideas  
13:25 Book Choice 13:30 Citizens  
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21:45 Sports Roundup 15:00 World  
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of Your 18:00 World News 18:09  
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### VOICE OF AMERICA

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06:00 News 06:10 Newsline 06:30 VOA  
Morning 07:00 News 07:10 Newsline  
07:30 VOA Morning 08:00 News 08:10  
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12:45 News 13:10 Newsline 13:30  
Special English News & Features 19:00  
News 19:10 Newsline 19:30 Magazine  
Show 20:00 News 20:10 Focus 20:30  
Special English News & Features 21:00  
News 21:10 Newsline 21:30 Music  
USA 22:00 News & Editorial 22:15  
World Report

### CULTURAL CENTRES & LIBRARIES

Royal Cultural Centre - Tel. 6610257  
American Centre - 644371  
British Council - 641520  
British Council - 641520  
French Cultural Centre - 639777  
Goethe Institute - 641993  
Soviet Cultural Centre - 644203  
Spanish Cultural Centre - 624049  
Turkish Cultural Centre - 639777  
Haya Arts Centre - 665195  
Hussain Youth City - 6671816  
Y.W.C.A. - 641793  
Y.W.M.C.A. - 646251  
Amman Municipality Library - 636111  
Univ. of Jordan Library - 845555  
Abdul Hamid Shoman Foundation - 672541  
Amman Municipality Library 637111

### MUSEUMS

"Children's Heritage and Science Museum," Fun and knowledge for all ages, plus a small planetarium at the Haya Arts Centre. Open all week 9:00 a.m. - 5 p.m. and 3:30 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. Closed on Friday.  
Folklore Museum: Jewellery and costumes over 100 years old. Also mosaics from Madaba and Jerash (4th to 18th centuries). The Roman Theatre, Amman. Opening hours: 9:00 a.m. - 5 p.m.

### CHURCHES

St. Joseph Church (Roman Catholic) Jabbal Amman, Tel. 624590.  
Church of the Annunciation (Roman Catholic) Jabbal Lubweid, Tel. 637440.  
De la Salle Church (Roman Catholic) Jabbal Hussein, Tel. 661757. Sunday Mass (summer time 6 p.m., winter time 5 p.m.).  
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18:45 ..... Rome (RJ)  
19:00 ..... Tripoli (RJ)  
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19:10 ..... Bangkok (RJ)  
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### ARRIVALS ROYAL JORDANIAN FLIGHTS (Terminal 1)

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Bulletin supplied by the Department of Meteorology.

A cold front will affect the country associated with a depression. So clouds will increase gradually and the weather will become cloudy and showery at times and another decrease in temperature is expected and the wind will change to southwesterly moderate to fresh at times. In Agaba, it will be partly cloudy with a chance for thundershowers. The wind will change to southerly fresh and the sea will be rough.

### USEFUL TELEPHONE NUMBERS

AMMAN:  
Majed Abu Snehineh ..... 881635  
Dr. Abdul Majid Al Sha'ir ..... 791405  
Dr. Mahmoud Allan ..... 894866  
Dr. Naji Taysir ..... 884544  
Firas pharmacy ..... 661912  
Ferdous pharmacy ..... 778336  
Al Asma pharmacy ..... 637055  
Al Salim pharmacy ..... 623672  
Yacoub pharmacy ..... 644945  
Shmeisani pharmacy ..... 637660

TAXIS:  
Al Jofeh taxi ..... 776061  
Al Qasi (Abu Joudah) taxi ..... 743806  
Wesam taxi ..... 762723  
Ra ad taxi ..... 898633  
Rawa taxi ..... 741572  
Umayya taxi ..... 757580  
Ibn Sina Hospital ..... 893092

IRBID:  
Dr. Ahmad Bashmari ..... (—)  
Al Shams pharmacy ..... 985238

ZARQA:  
Khalifeh pharmacy ..... 985417

### HOSPITALS

AMMAN:  
Hussien Medical Centre ..... 818131/32  
Khalidi Maternity, J. Amn ..... 644281/6  
Akileh Maternity, J. Amn ..... 644241/2  
Jabbal Amman Maternity ..... 642362  
Malhas, J. Amman ..... 636140  
Palestine, Shmeisani ..... 664171/4  
Shmeisani Hospital ..... 669131  
Army Hospital ..... 845845  
Al-Muscher Hospital ..... 667227  
The Islamic, Abdali ..... 66127/57  
Al-Ahli, Abdali ..... 664164/6  
Italian, Al-Muhajreen ..... 777101/3  
Al-Bashir, J. Ashrafieh ..... 775117/26  
Army Hospital ..... 67211/15  
Queen Alia Hospital ..... 60240/30  
Amal Hospital ..... 674155  
ZARQA:  
Zarqa Govt. Hospital ..... (09)883323  
Great Catholic Hospital ..... (02)272775  
Ibn Al Nafes Hospital ..... (09)991071  
IRBID:  
Princess Basma Hospital ..... (02)275555  
Great Catholic Hospital ..... (02)272775  
Ibn Al Nafes Hospital ..... (02)247100  
AQABA:  
Princess Haya Hospital ..... (03)314111

### GENERAL

Ministry of Information ..... 641467  
Ministry of the Interior ..... 663111  
Ministry of Tourism ..... 642311  
Driving Licenses Dept. ..... 892283  
Foreigners and Frontiers Dept. ..... 892408  
Meteorological Dept. ..... 630321  
Public Security Headquarters ..... 630321  
Telecommunications Corporation ..... 638301

### EMERGENCIES

Civil Defence Directorate ..... 661111  
Civil Defence Directorate ..... 630341  
Rescue ..... 192, 621111, 637777  
Civil Defence Emergency ..... 199  
Rescue Police ..... 192, 621111, 637777  
Fire Brigade ..... 198, 891228  
Blood Bank ..... 778303  
Highway Police ..... 843402

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19:30 ..... Friday's prayer  
19:30 ..... Religious programme  
19:30 ..... Religious seminar  
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19:30 ..... Strange stories  
19:30 ..... Documentary film  
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20:30 ..... Arabic series  
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20:00 ..... Charles in Charge  
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22:30 ..... Three's Company

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855 KHz. AM & 99 MHz. FM  
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## Al Hussein to open King Abdullah Complex Nov. 14

AMMAN (Petra, J.T.) — The King Abdullah Ibn Al Hussein Complex and Public Park at Wadi Saqra district in Amman will be formally opened under royal patronage on Nov. 14, His Majesty King Hussein's birthday, according to the Amman Development Corporation (ADC) Director General Sami Al Rashid.

Rashid said that the complex was named after King Abdullah in recognition of the late monarch who founded the Kingdom in his endeavour to implement the objectives of the Great Arab Revolt led by his father Sharif Hussein Ibn Ali.

The 62,000-square metre complex offers a variety of attractions which include cultural, recreational and sports services benefiting the Jordanian people and visitors to the Kingdom, according to Rashid.

The complex has 62 stores, with access from a number of directions, an amphitheatre for plays or other performances, a club park for 600 vehicles, a children's open theatre, a public

garden for which entry will be free of charge, in addition to a recreation centre which includes a children's garden and an aquarium, according to Rashid.

The stores are being rented by local merchants and the ADC will let the complex's kiosks and restaurants for public benefit, Rashid added.

According to the ADC director, the project cost JD 7 million, but returns from stores and other facilities will bring in at least seven per cent of the cost annually.

Rashid said that the ADC which was set up in 1979 carried out several projects within the capital, built shopping centres and car parks at Shababouh, and at the Prince Mohammad Street and developed the Royal Racing Club at Marka.

Rashid said the ADC will maintain the momentum of providing services and will carry out a number of projects which include a crafts zone and a bus terminal for the Greater Amman region.



On behalf of His Majesty King Hussein, Her Majesty Queen Noor Wednesday attends the first Jordanian cardiologists conference in Amman (Petra photo)

## Royal family members to take part in annual charity march

AMMAN (J.T.) — His Majesty King Hussein's children along with Prince Ra'ad Ibn Zaid, Princess Majida and Prime Minister Zaid Rifai's wife and those of foreign ambassadors to Jordan will be among those taking part in a 28-kilometre charity march to be held Friday under the patronage of Her Majesty Queen Noor, according to the organisers.

They said that at least 2,000 people of all ages will take part in

the march which will kick off from the Amman Plaza Hotel and follow a route around the capital passing through 14 control stations set up along the track.

The march will start at 9 a.m. and the participants will regroup at the starting point in the hotel where the Queen will distribute the awards and cups to the winners.

The charity march was organised by the Jordanian Cancer

Society (JCS) in conjunction with the Society for the Care of Neurological Patients (SCNP) and is designed to raise JD 100,000 from individual citizens, a number of companies and banks, as well as major establishments and Arab and foreign embassies in Amman.

Last year's 10-day march covered a distance of 450 kilometres from Ramtha in the north to Aqaba in the south and raised JD 65,000.

## Egyptian health minister in Amman

AMMAN (Petra) — Egyptian Health Minister Ragheb Dweidar arrived here Wednesday on a several-day visit to Jordan for talks with his Jordanian counterpart Zaid Hamzeh on cooperation in health.

In a statement upon arrival Dweidar said the visit was in implementation of Joint-Jordanian-Egyptian Committee resolutions

passed in Amman when the two sides agreed on promoting bilateral cooperation in health expertise and pharmaceuticals.

Jordan can benefit from Egypt's research and doctors training programmes and Egypt can benefit from Jordan's experiment in providing primary health care, the Egyptian minister said.

He expressed hope that the visit will help expedite the establishment of a joint Jordanian-Egyptian company for medical appliances so that the project can be ratified by the joint committee's coming meeting.

Hamzeh and other officials and Egyptian embassy staff were at the airport to welcome the Egyptian Minister who is accompanied by the director of the Egyptian government's pharmaceutical corporation.

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He also reviewed the achievements of the King Hussein Medical Centre, under the wise guidance of King Hussein.

In his address, the minister touched on the ministry's endeavours to spread and improve primary health care in the Kingdom which, he said, now benefits more than 2.5 million people.

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National Medical Institution (NMI) Director General and JCS President Daoud Hanania said that the Jordanian Cardiac Society was a natural symptom of Jordan's technological and scientific advances.

"The development of cardiac practice in the Kingdom represents a fruit of the King's wise directives to the medical institutions which strive to provide the best possible services," Hanania said.

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## 1st Jordanian cardiologists' conference opens

# 'Talks reflect specialists' acceptance of challenge to cope with development'

AMMAN (Petra) — The first conference by the Jordanian Cardiac Society (JCS) was opened in Amman Wednesday under royal patronage and with the participation of more than 600 specialists from Jordan, Arab and foreign countries.

The conference was opened by Her Majesty Queen Noor, who deputised for His Majesty King Hussein, and was addressed by Health Minister Zaid Hamzeh and others.

"The conference constitutes one more link in a long chain of activities in the medical profession in Jordan, and reflects the Jordanian specialists' acceptance of a challenge to cope with modern developments in the medical fields," the minister said in his address to the meeting.

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achievements by Jordanian cardiologists.

As the conference is in progress an exhibition of medicines and medical appliances provided by 30 pharmaceutical companies will be opened, Arida had said in a statement prior to the conference.

The JCS was set up in Amman last March and Dr. Hanania was elected president, and according to Arida the society will organise further seminars and conferences to benefit cardiologists from the Arab World.

Following the opening ceremony, Queen Noor met with heads of delegations taking part in the conference and paid tribute to their efforts and humanitarian services.

The Queen expressed hope that the conference will come up with recommendations and resolutions that would bolster cooperation among various cardiologists and benefit the Arab society.



FRCP for Dr. Al Zaqqa

AMMAN — Dr. Qasem Al Zaqqa was elected as a Fellow of the Royal College of Physicians & Surgeons of Glasgow at the last meeting of the college.

This certificate was granted for very few doctors in Jordan.

## NATIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

**PRINCESS ALIA VISITS EXHIBITION:** Her Royal Highness Princess Alia and her husband, Mr. Mohammad Anwar Al Salih, Wednesday visited Al Nasr exhibition for military and civilian industries. She familiarised herself with military equipment including planes, missiles, spare parts, and vehicles. She was accompanied by the Jordanian ambassador in Baghdad and his wife (Petra).

**BAHRAINI DIGNITARIES:** Sheikh Salman Ibn Hamad Ibn Ali Khalifa and Sheikh Khalifah Ibn Ali Khalifah Al Khalifah Wednesday visited the University of Jordan and met with acting Vice-President Mahmoud Al Samra. Dr. Samra praised the ties linking the Jordanian and Bahraini peoples and explained the university's educational policy (Petra).

**DISI COMMUNITY CENTRE:** A community centre for Disi town in southern Jordan was opened at a ceremony Wednesday attended by Minister of Social Development Fawwaz Touqan who said his ministry was giving due concern to the development of the Disi region in cooperation with the local councils (Petra).

**POLICE GRADUATES:** A group of police officers graduated Wednesday from the Police Academy after completing a training course in public relations skills. The graduation was attended by the academy's director Colonel Mohammad Bassoud who distributed diplomas to the graduates (Petra).

**PRESERVING ARTEFACTS:** A week-long workshop on preserving artefacts and other antiquities in museums opened at the Jordan Museum of Fine Arts Wednesday. Princess Wijdan Ali, who opened the meetings, outlined the development of means to protect items displayed at museums, and said that Jordan's museums play a significant role in highlighting Jordan's history and culture (Petra).

**DM 100,000 DONATION:** The council of ministers Wednesday accepted a donation from West Germany amounting to DM 100,000 to buy equipment for Princess Sarvath College. This donation falls in the framework of technical cooperation between Jordan and West Germany (Petra).

**IRAQI EDUCATIONAL TEAM:** An Iraqi education delegation met here Wednesday with Ministry of Education's Secretary General Munther Al Masri and discussed cooperation in the field of education. The delegation, which is on a 10-day visit to Jordan, will tour a number of schools and education centres (Petra).

**ENGLISH COURSE FOR GUIDES:** The British Council in Amman is to help the Ministry of Tourism improve the efficiency of tourist guides in Jordan by organising intensive courses in English language for them. Arrangements on this cooperation were reached at a meeting Wednesday grouping British Council officials, Tourism Ministry Secretary General Nasri Atallah and other concerned parties, as well as the president of the Jordan Tourist Guide Association (Petra).

**WATER CLEANLINESS CAMPAIGN:** The Ministry of Water and Irrigation Wednesday distributed pamphlets providing information to the public on protecting water resources from pollution, sanitation and rationalising water consumption. The pamphlets, distributed in cooperation with the Ministry of Education's schools, contain information on means of preserving the cleanliness of water tanks and pools (Petra).

**USE OF COMPUTERS:** A week-long workshop on the use of computers opened at the Jordan University of Science and Technology Wednesday. Thirty-one doctors from the university and the Princess Basma Medical Training Hospital are taking part in the workshop (Petra).

## WHAT'S GOING ON

The following listings are compiled from monthly bulletins and the daily Arabic press. Readers are advised to verify the listed time and place with the concerned institutions.

### ART EXHIBITIONS

- A paintings exhibition by Alla Al Shanti Ammoura, at Alla Art Gallery, Insurance Building, Jabal Amman.
- A paintings exhibition by Sudanese artist Mohammad Khalil, at Al Wastit Gallery, Plaza Hotel.
- Drawing of cities, gardens, and commercial centres by German Artist Otto Herbert Hayek at Jordan University of Science and Technology.
- An art exhibition by Ahmed Na'wash at the French Cultural Centre.
- A plastic art exhibition by Iyad Al Masri at the Housing Bank Complex.
- A paintings exhibition by Hind Nasser Nasser at the Royal Cultural Centre.

### OTHER EXHIBITIONS

- Book exhibition at the Yarmouk University.
- Annual book exhibition at Prince Hassan Secondary School, Salt.
- Book exhibition at the Salt Cultural Centre.
- A cultural festival which includes national historical documents exhibition, book exhibition and other activities, at Ajloun Elementary School.
- An educational technology exhibition at the Yarmouk University.

### FILMS

- Film: "Mr. Smith Goes to Washington" at the American Centre at 7:00 p.m.
- Film: "Temptation" at the Soviet Cultural Centre at 5:30 p.m.

### CONCERTS

- Piano concert by Italian pianist Terrezza Azzaro at the Royal Cultural Centre at 8:00 p.m.

### LECTURE

- Lecture by Fr. Michael Prechillo on traditional handicraft in Jordan at the Salt Cultural Centre.

## MINISTRY OF EDUCATION Tender Announcement

The contractors who had been qualified previously for the seventh education project and willing to participate in the following bid are requested to get bid documents from the projects and buildings directorate, Ministry of Education from 24.10.1988 with the following conditions:

A. The Seventh Education Project is partially financed by the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development.

| B. Description of tender  | Price JD | Tender Bond JD |
|---|----------|----------------|
| 1. Tender No. 46/D/88<br>Construction of school buildings in Attaybeh and Sareeh. Area (7680) sq. m.  | 150      | 20000          |
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| 3. Tender No. 48/D/88<br>Construction of school buildings in Eleimat and Fadian. Area (8330) sq. m.   | 150      | 20000          |

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### Steps in right direction

THE past year has seen a major effort in Jordan to re-assess the national education system and revise it in a manner that provides high quality teaching to students throughout the country. In the past week, two steps have been taken which point the path towards how we plan to reach this important objective. On Monday, the Noor Al Hussein Foundation took delivery of a specially built Mercedes van which the Haya Arts Centre will operate as a mobile life and science museum. On Tuesday, the Ministry of Education announced that it would establish model schools in all districts of the country, as pilot projects to improve facilities and raise educational standards throughout the Kingdom.

Both cases embody the two principles which we believe are most crucial to our endeavours to improve our education system: the need to enhance the content of curricula and teaching facilities, and to make sure that such qualitative improvements are equitably distributed to all students in Jordan.

These developments in education mirror similar trends in other fields, such as industrial expansion, social services and sports and leisure facilities. The simultaneous vertical and horizontal expansion of educational facilities provides an opportunity to launch new and innovative systems of local participation in the education sector. For example, it would probably prove popular to establish mini-museums in villages and towns where the mobile life and science museum makes its calls. A village in the Jordan Valley could establish a small display about local flora and fauna; the villages around Petra could document achievements in the region in antiquity; the children of Aqaba could establish a marine life display; and the children of the north or the badia could document the life of a farming village or a nomadic family. Then the mobile museum could carry these exhibitions with it from one part of the country to another, thereby providing an opportunity for the children of Jordan to expand the knowledge and cultural understanding of all other children in the country. What has been started by the government and the Noor Al Hussein Foundation should be developed, built upon and perpetuated by a chain reaction of local efforts.

### ARABIC PRESS EDITORIALS

Al Ra'i Arabic daily Wednesday commented on the situation in Lebanon and ongoing consultations among Arab states to try to find a solution to the Lebanese problem. There is perhaps no country which has been subjected to sufferings and instability as Lebanon which over the past 15 years witnessed devastation and factional wars that still plague the nation, the paper noted. The paper commented on a message delivered to His Majesty King Hussein from Syrian President Hafez Al Assad about the situation in Lebanon and said that Jordan has always supported all constructive steps to ensure the unity and independence of Lebanon. Jordan, the paper noted, wants to see Lebanon free from all conflicts and maintaining its territorial integrity and sovereignty. It said therefore Jordan finds in the new flurry of diplomatic activity to find a solution for Lebanon's problems as a new hope for the Arabs in general and Lebanon in particular.

Al Dustour daily commented on the same topic, describing Assad's message to King Hussein as part of the ongoing consultations between the two leaders to serve the Arab Nation. Jordan, the paper noted, continues to support Lebanon's unity and hopes to see an end of the divisions and the internal conflicts so that Lebanon can once again resume its role within the Arab World. The Syrian president's message to the King has displayed the keenness of the Arab leaders on finding solutions for Lebanon's problems and emphasised the role which Jordan can play along with the sister Arab states to achieve that goal, the paper noted. Jordan, it said, will continue to serve as a bridge to bring about understanding among Arab states and to play a leading role in settling issues confronting Arab brothers.



Waleed — Al Dustour

### ARABIC PRESS COMMENTARIES

#### Waiting for the U.N.

A COLUMNIST in Al Ra'i Arabic daily comments Wednesday on the United Nations Day which, he says, has a special meaning for the Arab Nation. The U.N. anniversary this year marks the lapse of 40 years since the establishment of the Zionist state on occupied Palestine in implementation of U.N. General Assembly Resolution 181 of 1947. Ibrahim Sakikjha writes. He says the anniversary brings to mind the numerous U.N. resolutions which were issued since 1947 and which were not allowed to see the light. That resolution of 1947 benefitted Israel which immediately came into being, but failed to give any status or rights to the Palestinians who since then have had no independent state. In fact, he adds, the USSR and the USA were among those countries which recognised Israel since its establishment, but no country at that time even the Arab states took the responsibility of establishing an independent state for the Palestinians in implementation of the same 1947 resolution. Now, he says, after the lapse of 40 years there is talk about the implementation of the second part of the Resolution 181. Such implementation is coming in response of the wishes of the Palestinian people who are now involved in the uprising, the writer notes. He says the Arabs look to the U.N. once again on this anniversary to convene an international conference that would bring about a lasting settlement to the Palestine problem.

## Israel vs. the Palestinian state

By Dr. Asa'd Abdul Rahman

THE BATTLE for the establishment of a Palestinian state has just begun. I am not talking here about the various aspects of the deliberations and scrutiny that are currently taking place on the Palestinian level. Nor am I talking about the mixed Palestinian and Arab feelings that are manifested in various forms of approval, surprise or admonition all accompanied with political polarisation and various forms of alliances and counter-alliances. These feelings and manoeuvres, whether favouring the establishment of a Palestinian state or opposing it, are not what one is concerned with here. Instead, my prime interest right now is the battle that currently rages at full swing against the Israeli occupation inside the occupied territories. What, then, are the details and landmarks of this battle that might end with a regional settlement acceptable to all parties of the conflict?

Neither the roots of the battle, when Zionist waves of emigrants began invading Palestine as early as 1882, nor the resolutions of 1937 and 1947, calling for the partition of Palestine, are of much concern to me. Instead, we should trace the battle only as late as December of 1987 when the present popular uprising — the intifada — erupted. From the very outset, the unified leadership of the uprising realised and made sure that this was not merely popular demonstration protesting the occupation and the daily hardships it brought with it, but a rather, a dedicated and deeply entrenched movement that aims, through gradual escalation of opposition at full independence. From that moment onward, the leadership of the uprising led its rank and file by means of carefully calculated and steadily escalating steps towards its coveted political aims. How the uprising and its unified leadership succeeded in developing various forms of struggle to tackle its aims?

Palestinian confrontation with the occupation has passed through various stages since 1967. The present stage is obviously the most popular, intransigent and effective, with a clear political vision. Its credibility and continuity have gained it respect all over the world. Daily encounters with the enemy gave its leadership and local popular committees first hand experience, an experience that proved indispensable in the subsequent stages of the uprising. The uprising succeeded in transforming the occupied territories into a quagmire for the Israeli army and dragged it into a small, but costly war of attrition in the back streets of the major

towns and refugee camps. Many of the convictions which the Israelis had been conditioned to believe over the years lost credibility and began falling one after the other.

"Lucrative occupation" became a financial burden and "peaceful coexistence" between the two nationalities became all the more illusory. A Palestinian national identity as opposed to a Zionist, expansionist and fascist one began to emerge slowly but steadily. The first battles to be fought were economic. A national policy of boycotting Israeli goods and services was initiated. The once lucrative Arab market was blocked in the face of Israeli exports and all possible efforts were exerted to arrive at self-sufficiency.

Political battles were as important. Israel's monopoly of administrative and political decisions was challenged. The inhabitants of the occupied territories were encouraged to observe the intifada's version of law and order. Several institutions of the occupation crumbled and their infrastructure deteriorated. A battle of will erupted ferociously. Israeli military orders were often unheeded.

Curfews were constantly violated and strikes were widespread. Collaborators were encouraged to repent in public. The uprising unleashed a national campaign of political education to help those who repent. Those who failed to repent were often threatened and in some cases severely punished. Some were assassinated.

During the second half of 1988, it became evident that a new era was about to begin. This conviction was made stronger by Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev's continuous peaceful overtures which, for the first time in many years, made it possible for the two superpowers to agree to solve many potential hotbeds of violence. The modus vivendi in Afghanistan, Cambodia, the Gulf and in Southern Africa are but few examples of the achievements of the policy of rapprochement which the Gorbachev era has helped to usher. Jordan's legal and administrative disengagement from the West Bank gave further credit to the "Palestinian dimension" of the Middle East problem. From now on, a viable peaceful Middle East settlement is not likely to succeed without an active and full-fledged Palestinian participation.

Unity of aims between the "unified leadership of the uprising"

on the battle field, and the leadership of the PLO abroad helped cement Palestinian national unity. This new state of political maturity necessitates the adoption of new political initiatives and decisions. This new era began during the meetings — in Baghdad — of the Palestinian Central Council during July/August of 1988.

There, a serious drive towards the proclamation of an independent Palestinian state, with a provisional government, gained solid grounds as a direct result of the intifadah and the necessity to capitalise on its gains. The now strong and deeply rooted uprising caused increased Israeli confusion and bewilderment and left the Zionist high command off-balance. A new stage of increased Israeli punitive and repressive measures against the Palestinian uprisers has begun.

During the last two months or so, unbiased observers could easily detect the increase in intensity and content of Israeli punitive measures against all popular and revolutionary committees of the intifadah. Philanthropic, human and educational institutions were searched and their contents confiscated. A new wave of arrests, in the hope of putting an end to the increased influence of the popular committees, was conducted. The Palestinians retaliated by more violence, and a new wave of recruits joined the ranks to replace those who were arrested. Collaborators who divulged the names of the members of the popular committees — which invited large scale Israeli search and arrest missions — were killed in broad daylight as a direct challenge to occupation authorities.

Israel's "programmed" retaliatory measures were aimed basically at liquidating the popular committees which the Israelis believe have moved to the next stage of stronger control over the "liberated" territories. During the last few months, these popular committees have already established a "Palestinian Authority" within the occupied territories and they are destined to play an important role in strengthening the now embryonic stage of the "Palestinian state", which all indications portend that it is coming sooner or later. This is why a new escalated level of confrontation has raged between the old Israeli state and the unleashed Arab forces that are laying solid basis for the would-be new Palestinian state.

## Weak oil prices compounding Third World economic problems

By Keith Grant  
Reuters

production.

No body benefitted

MEXICO CITY — Falling oil prices should help growth in industrial nations, but in the Third World they just compound existing problems of debt, recession and poverty.

Many heavily indebted developing nations were watching a joint meeting this week in Madrid of the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) pricing and long-term strategy committees on how to shore up the over-supplied, international crude oil market.

"Though there are plans to restore production discipline, Mexico must act with great caution because the situation is highly volatile," Mexican state oil company Petroleos Mexicanos (PEMEX) said recently of continuing differences between Iran and Iraq over their OPEC output quotas.

OPEC Secretary-General Subroto has announced a plan to reduce the organisation's output and make quotas effective, but political conflict in the Gulf in the wake of the Iran-Iraq war ceasefire last August is undermining its viability.

Subroto said in Madrid Friday morning that more committee talks would be needed to reach a new output agreement among the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries' 13 members and he did not rule out an emergency plenary meeting ahead of the next full ministerial session set for Vienna on Nov. 21.

Mexico, along with Venezuela, Nigeria, Indonesia, Egypt and Colombia among the highly indebted nations, stands to lose heavily if OPEC fails to discipline

Higher growth in industrial countries, resulting from cheaper oil, should help Third World nations but in recent years the benefits have been curbed by rising protectionism.

Oil-exporting developing countries performed the worst last year among Third World nations, growing only 0.8 per cent. According to World Bank studies, their per capita gross domestic product (GDP) declined 1.6 per cent between 1980 and 1987.

But there does not appear to be any evidence that non-oil developing countries benefitted much from lower oil prices over the last two years. Overall, their growth rate declined to 1987.

Prospects in coming years are grim with World Bank economists seeing only a modest rise in growth in these nations up to 1995. For some oil exporters, notably those with big populations such as Mexico, the consequences could be serious.

With this in mind, the U.S. treasury last week announced a \$3.5 billion bridging loan to help Mexico through present oil price weakness which threatens to prolong a recession there. Oil income is expected to drop 25 per cent this year.

OPEC member Venezuela is meanwhile seeking help from its commercial bank creditors to overcome a \$1.5 billion financing gap in 1988. Its finance minister, Hector Hurtado, said this month the government hopes to reschedule its \$30 billion debt soon because of the oil price drop.

Neighbouring Trinidad, a small Caribbean oil exporter, has also

been forced to negotiate an International Monetary Fund (IMF) loan because of oil price weakness that has almost wiped out its reserves.

The oil slump could hamper efforts by Colombia, up to now the only major Latin American country to avoid debt problems, to line up a \$1.85 billion loan. Officials say the country's recent emergence as an oil exporter enhances its credit rating.

But if the loan fails to materialise, Colombia, hit by a hurricane last week, may have to reschedule its \$14 billion debt. Ecuador, still recovering from the impact of an earthquake last year, is seeking a high OPEC production quota to help it stem balance of payments weakness.

Even Brazil, which in the past has benefited from lower oil prices, would be affected if they stay low. In Rio de Janeiro, a Petrobras director said Brazil now produces half its domestic consumption and the operation begins to become uneconomic as prices approach its \$5 per barrel production cost.

The oil price fall could help some producers by persuading creditors that emergency action is needed. Mexico won swift help from Washington and Western diplomats say it could give Egypt new ammunition in current negotiations with the IMF.

Egypt is negotiating a standby IMF credit which will pave the way for a \$4 billion Paris Club rescheduling. Its total foreign debt is \$43 billion.

Indonesia, with 160 million people, has avoided debt rescheduling so far but a drop in oil income will severely affect its ability to service a \$50 billion foreign debt.

## 'Peace should address aspirations'

(Continued from page 1)

adopt a framework for a comprehensive, just and honourable settlement. It is important to note that most often when we achieve success it is the result of long, hard effort. With the continued cooperation of the parties, we shall persevere in that spirit towards a (peaceful) solution to the conflict in accordance with the (U.N.) Charter.

Q: What is next on the agenda after the Geneva talks and when do you expect an exchange of POWs will take place?

A: As you know, the parties are due to continue the direct talks in the near future in Geneva. My representative, Mr. Jan Eliasson, and I will remain in close contact with the parties and I am very hopeful that early progress will be made.

As to the prisoners of war, this is a matter where the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) is best placed to assist. I understand that the ICRC is in contact with both countries, and I should like to express the strong hope that the release and repatriation of the prisoners of war will be completed in the near future — something that is called for in Resolution 598.

Q: Do you expect that the U.N. success will enable it to embark on other initiatives? Would this convince the U.S. to pay its overdue contributions to the organisation?

A: Our diplomatic success in the conflict between Iran and Iraq can be a learning experience, but it cannot be cloned. Many similarities, but each conflict is essentially unique. I am hopeful that our progress in mediating the dispute between Iran and Iraq will encourage other parties to cooperate with us in the quest for peace in other regions of the globe. As for the recent announcement by the United States that it intends

to pay its legally-assessed contributions, I welcome that decision. At the same time, I must caution that not until all nations in arrears have brought their assessed contributions fully up-to-date will the world organisation be on a firm financial footing.

Q: You have engaged yourself in many conflicts around the world — in the Middle East, Western Sahara, Kampuchea, Cyprus, etc., and lately you handed proposals to Morocco and the Polisario. What is happening in your efforts in Western Sahara?

A: With regard to the Western Sahara, I have presented a peace plan, in cooperation with the chairman of the Organisation of African Unity (OAU), to the parties concerned. Those parties conveyed their acceptance of the plan, along with comments, Aug. 30. The plan took account of the positions of the parties, and was a solid example of multilateralism in action. Its object is to reestablish peace in the region and towards this end, it affords a framework for effecting a ceasefire and for the creation of conditions necessary for the organisation of a credible referendum that will allow the people of Western Sahara to exercise their inalienable right of self-determination free from military or civil constraints.

Q: What would be the role of the U.N. if the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) would embark on the government-in-exile option? Do you see any obstacles that might stand in the way of PLO Chairman Yasser Arafat addressing the world body?

A: In the event that the PLO embarked on the option you indicated, it would fall within the sphere of responsibility of governments to decide whether or not they recognised the new entity. Recognition of the new entity

would be a matter for decision by each government. Should the new entity apply for membership in the United Nations, it would also be a matter for the member states to decide upon, in accordance with the procedures laid down in the charter.

Q: Do you consider the Palestinian uprising a contributing factor to a peace settlement in the Middle East conflict? Do you see a role for the United Nations and its agencies in the West Bank and Gaza now that His Majesty King Hussein has disengaged Jordan from the occupied territories?

A: The aspirations of the inhabitants of the West Bank and Gaza must be taken into account in any final settlement. The actions of the United Nations in the Middle East will always be guided by resolutions that the organisation has adopted, especially Security Council Resolutions 242 and 338.

Meanwhile the organisation continues to be engaged in the search for a just and durable peace in the region and continues to provide humanitarian assistance to the population.

Q: To what extent is the U.N. budget deficit affecting U.N. peace bids and its role as an umbrella for increased human understanding?

A: As chief administrative officer of the organisation, I am naturally concerned with the effect that budget deficits will have on our political effectiveness, on long-range planning, and on staff morale. Morale at this point is rising, because of our recent diplomatic successes, but in the long run we can not carry out our mandate properly if we are denied the necessary funds. It is indeed ironic, that those who support our peace-keeping efforts in word, often fail to do so in deed. Peace-making is an expensive proposition, but it is always cheaper than war — in material as well as in human terms.

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Recontre tripartite à Aqaba

S.M. le Roi Hussein, Yasser Arafat et le président Hossni Moubarak ont eu le 22 octobre à Aqaba des entretiens à huis clos sur l'avenir de la question palestinienne. Le Roi Hussein avait affirmé le 20 dans une interview avec la chaîne américaine ABC que les plans du leader travailliste israélien Shimon Peres — une conférence internationale avec une délégation jordanienne-palestinienne — constituaient un "pas en avant" et qu'une victoire du Likoud aux élections constituerait un "désastre absolu". Dans une déclaration rapportée le 23 octobre par la presse du Caire, M. Arafat a indiqué que le Conseil national palestinien (CNP), qui doit se réunir le 12 novembre, examinerait notamment la proclamation d'un Etat palestinien indépendant, d'un gouvernement provisoire et de l'établissement d'une protection internationale provisoire sur les territoires occupés.

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Infirmières: la grève levée

La coordination des infirmières a décidé le 23 octobre l'arrêt de la grève générale, entamée il y a quatre semaines plus tôt dans toute la France pour de meilleures conditions de salaires et de travail, mais a recommandé la poursuite du mouvement sous diverses formes, y compris des grèves larmes. Quatre syndicats avaient déjà donné leur accord de principe aux nouvelles propositions faites par le ministre de la Santé. Mais des milliers d'infirmières — dont 15.000 à Paris — avaient de nouveau défilé en France, à l'appel de la coordination et du syndicat CGT (proche du parti communiste) pour rejeter ces propositions. L'Assemblée Générale de la coordination organisation en marge des syndicats et ne participant pas aux discussions avec le ministre — a pris cette décision par 207 voix contre 111 et 129 abstentions. Elle a également appelé à une cinquième manifestation nationale le 3 novembre à Paris.

Attendant anti-Scorsese

Dix personnes ont été blessées — dont une gravement — au cours d'une manifestation dans un incendie, vraisemblablement criminel, qui a presque totalement détruit, le 22 octobre, un cinéma place Saint-Michel, à Paris, où était projeté le film "La dernière création du Christ", de Martin Scorsese. Ce film est l'objet de manifestations quotidiennes de la part de catholiques intégristes, qui tentent d'empêcher par la violence la projection de ce long-métrage, qui n'était plus projeté à Paris que dans deux salles.

Fayrouz reçue par Dumas

Le ministre français des Affaires étrangères, Roland Dumas, a reçu l'artiste libanaise Fayrouz à son ministère des affaires étrangères à l'occasion d'un concert "Fayrouz reçoit" à Paris.

Table ronde

Votre français ne s'use que si vous ne vous en servez pas. Tous les dimanches à 18h00 au Centre culturel français, vous pouvez participer librement à des discussions animées par des résidents français.

Le saviez-vous?

Chameaux!

Parcourir le Wadi Rum sur la bosse d'un dromadaire au pas tranquille, quel de plus naturel? Ce mode de transport convient mieux aux amoureux du silence que les pétarades d'une voiture 4x4. Seulement voilà: les bédouins de Rum ont la bosse du commerce et vous proposent une balade au djebel Ghazale (7 km de la résidence) pour la coquette somme de 10 dinars par chameau. A trois, cela revient à 30 dinars la promenade de trois heures. Alors qu'un 4x4 Suzuki loué à Aqaba vous coûte 25 dinars environ, essence comprise, pour 24 heures... On se prend à douter de la légendaire sobriété du chameau. Et de celle des bédouins: ayant finalement opté pour la marche à pied, trois touristes se sont vu offrir de monter dans une voiture pour rentrer au village, alors qu'ils n'étaient plus qu'à 500 mètres de celui-ci. L'aimable bédouin leur proposait la course pour 3 dinars seulement.

Plus de 800 heures tournées chaque année

# Production télévisée: Amman joue les Cinécittà

La Jordanie, qui ne compte dans son histoire que deux fils sur pellicule, a en revanche atteint son rythme de croisière en matière de production vidéo. Et les studios d'Amman sont fort prisés par les producteurs arabes. Reste que l'effort doit maintenant porter sur la qualité.

1988, année de tous les succès pour la production télévisée jordanienne. Trois séries primées au festival de Tunis en septembre, "Al Manahel", divertissement éducatif pour les enfants, couronné au festival international de Bagdad en mars, et les studios d'Amman qui, de plus en plus, s'affirment comme une "Cinécittà" de la péninsule. Vingt ans après les premières émissions de la JTV, la Jordanie a su à la fois drainer vers ses studios haut-décorés les producteurs du Golfe et exporter ses images. Même si la quantité l'emporte souvent sur la qualité...

C'est une production télévisée est aussi une marchandise, qui doit être vendue pour trouver sa justification. Et comme toute marchandise produite en Jordanie, la télévision ne saurait se contenter du seul marché intérieur, à savoir de la seule JTV. Cette "vieille dame" de 20 ans, si elle a été la mère génitrice de tout un secteur d'activité devant et derrière les caméras, s'avère une mauvaise mère nourricière. "Les ventes de programmes à la JTV ne couvrent que 30% de nos dépenses", souligne Jawad Maraka, directeur de la Compagnie jordanienne de production télévisée (JTVPC). Créée en 1981 mais véritablement active depuis 1986 (250 à 300 productions tournées annuellement dans les studios d'Amman), cette société semi-publique est devenue le fer de lance de la pénétration jordanienne sur les petits écrans arabes et un pôle d'attraction pour les

réalisateurs en quête d'équipements de pointe bien utilisés.

Cheval de Troie

"Nous avons été créés pour soulager la JTV de la production de programmes, en travaillant dans des conditions plus souples. L'idée était aussi d'associer le secteur privé (plus de 30 sociétés en Jordanie) au financement et à l'utilisation de ces studios dont tous avaient besoin. Mais c'est surtout l'appât d'un marché extérieur demandeur de nouvelles techniques avec la généralisation de la télévision en couleurs, qui a été décisif", explique M. Maraka. D'autant plus que les Jordanien étaient déjà présents dans les télévisions du Golfe, qu'ils avaient contribué à lancer. Le directeur de la JTVPC rappelle par exemple qu'il a lui-même été directeur de la Qatar TV de 1979 à 1987...

Si l'on excepte le Koweït, tous les Etats du Golfe se sont dotés de sociétés nationales dans les années 1970, alors que la JTV existe depuis 1968. L'argent était là, mais pas le savoir-faire. Un formidable cheval de Troie pour la Jordanie, traditionnellement pourvoyeuse de conseillers techniques chez ses voisins méridionaux. Et un atout de taille face au dinosaure cinématographique égyptien, qui n'avait pas ces contacts personnels.

Il ne fallait donc pas rater le tournant: "Nos deux studios de 600 m2 sont les plus performants de tout le Proche-Orient après ceux du Caire", dit M. Maraka.

La compagnie jordanienne est largement en tête de la péninsule en terme de quantité: 250 à 300 heures produites dans les studios d'Amman chaque année. Dont la moitié par des étrangers. Lors de notre passage, une compagnie de Dubaï tournait avec des acteurs égyptiens une série moyenâgeuse. "Nous sommes les seuls studios indépendants



Tournage de "Picnic on the sand" au Wadi Rum

d'une télévision nationale disposant d'équipements aussi modernes", affirme M. Maraka. Selon lui, même les Saoudiens, qui ont les studios les plus en pointe de la région, viennent tourner à Amman. "Le tout n'est pas d'avoir les équipements, explique-t-il, il faut savoir bien s'en servir".

Séries bédouines

Quant à la production purement jordanienne, elle s'exporte bien dans le monde arabe. Témoignent les succès de "Al Manahel", coproduit avec les Américains de "Sesame street" (CTW), une série en 65 épisodes visant à divertir les enfants tout en leur apprenant à lire et à écrire l'arabe. Réalisée en 1987, Al Manahel a été primée au festival international de Bagdad en mars dernier et est diffusée dans tout le monde arabe. Autre fleuron de la JTVPC, une série sur l'art islamique, tournée dans les lieux historiques du Maghreb et du Mashreq. Mais la grande "spécialité

maison" de Jordanie reste la série bédouine, que l'on s'arrache aussi bien dans la dialecte jordanien, assez proche de la langue classique, que commence à être compris à travers la télévision dans tout le monde arabe. Atteindra-t-il la diffusion de l'égyptien?

On n'y est pas encore. En Jordanie même, la JTV compte encore 44% de programmes arabes importés dans ses programmes hors-information (locux: 34%, productions non-arabes: 22%, selon les statistiques des quatre derniers mois) de la chaîne Arabe. Les quelques 900 heures de production annuelle jordanienne ne sauraient remplir les programmes. On n'est pas près de voir disparaître les séries égyptiennes. Curieusement, la JTV ne juge pas opportun de diffuser sur sa chaîne en anglais des séries locales traduites. "Il existerait a priori sur les téléspéctateurs anglophones, qui n'apprécient pas la production arabe", reconnaît Lina Gress, responsable des relations internationales.

Pour Hassan Abu-Ganime, critique de cinéma, la raison est simple: "Heureux êtes-vous de ne pas comprendre l'Arabe. Ces films sont de grossières reprises de scénarios étrangers."

Le défi du satellite

M. Abu-Ghanime déplore qu'il y ait très peu d'efforts fournis pour relayer la vraie vie jordanienne, la spécificité de la culture locale. "Les bédouins, ce n'est pas la vie de la majorité des gens. Mais le cliché est facile et il se vend bien. Pour le reste, on produit des comédies commerciales pseudo-modernes, aux scénarios basés sur des trames écrites". Même son de cloche chez Najdat Anzor, réalisatrice de "Picnic on the sand", primée à Bagdad: "La vraie vie contemporaine est rarement abordée, la production jordanienne manque cruellement de diversité", dit-elle.

Selon Mahmoud Zyoudie, scénariste du film précité, la raison en est que la qualité coûte cher. "Quelque soit le prix de revient des productions, les télévisions de la région paient 'au kilomètre': 12.000 dollars de l'heure diffusée, c'est peu. Alors on n'a aucun intérêt à se creuser la tête: deux ou trois décors, des scènes de dialogues essentiellement, peu d'acteurs, et l'affaire rapporte. D'autant plus qu'en Jordanie, il y a 35 sociétés de production pour cinq ou six auteurs. Ces derniers sont constamment sollicités et doivent travailler vite, d'où l'indigence des scénarios", déplore-t-il.

Autre problème majeur: le financement. Où trouver les 20.000 dinars nécessaires au tournage d'une série? "Les télévisions paient longtemps après et nous avons des problèmes de liquidité", des sponsors? "L'esprit de mécénat est encore embryonnaire dans la région", répond M. Zyoudie. Des coupes publicitaires? "Les télévisions sont toutes publiques et leurs responsables veulent contrôler la publicité pour les produits étrangers, dans des économies étroitement dirigées. Même les Égyptiens ne le font pas", souligne-t-il. "Notre seule chance de nous développer et de faire de la qualité, c'est de vendre en Occident. Cela suppose une adaptation de notre production à ce marché: dialogues moins longs, etc."

M. Zyoudie fait remarquer que les télévisions arabes doivent relever le défi du satellite: "Arabes ne sert pratiquement que pour les télécommunications; un nouveau canal de programmes pour les pays arabes est sur le point d'ouvrir sur Intelsat. Il va falloir le nourrir, si nous ne voulons pas voir affluer encore plus de 'soap operas' américains non marchés. Notre culture est en jeu."

François Ducroux

## Acteur, une profession neuve

On dénombre une centaine d'acteurs en Jordanie, selon les chiffres fournis par Mahmoud Zyoudie, directeur de l'association des artistes de cinéma et directeur du folklore au ministère de la culture. M. Zyoudie, qui cumule ces activités avec celles d'auteur ("Picnic on the sand") et de comédien, indique que la profession d'acteur n'a vraiment éelos en Jordanie qu'avec l'avènement de la télévision, dans les années 1970. "Avant, c'était le désert. Jouer la comédie est une tradition établie par les Grecs; elle s'est heurtée dans le monde arabe à l'Islam, hostile à l'idée de représentation, qu'elle soit picturale ou scénique. C'est pourquoi nous devons nous contenter du seul héritage des conteurs et chanteurs-musiciens, qui se produisaient dans certains cafés. Au XVIème siècle sont apparus les théâtres d'ombres à Damas et au Caire. C'est dans cette dernière capitale que, sous l'influence franco-anglaise, le théâtre se développe au XIXème siècle. On construisit l'opéra (récemment rebâti), on joua Shakespeare et Molière. Aujourd'hui encore, les séries TV égyptiennes portent la marque de la comedia dell'arte, où Molière avait puisé son inspiration: comique de situation, personnages outrés..." dit-il.

La Jordanie devra quant à elle attendre ce siècle pour voir



La série bédouine, un "must" jordanien (à droite, Nabil Sawalha)

fleurir les premiers déclateurs, longtemps interdits par l'occupant turc. Ce sont tout d'abord les écoles chrétiennes de Madaba qui introduisent les feux de la rampe. Nabil Sawalha, acteur célèbre et directeur du Haya Arts Centre, témoigne: "Dès 1887 à Madaba, les pères des écoles initiaient les enfants au théâtre religieux et historique. La première représentation publique remonte à 1908; c'était 'Le diable sur le feu'. Mon frère aîné Nadeem (aujourd'hui acteur renommé en Angleterre) faisait du théâtre

fallait pour mes parents que je devienne ingénieur. Je suis donc parti étudier à Londres, où j'ai fait mes débuts dans des pièces radiophoniques à la BBC! De retour dans le Royaume en 1962, je fus le premier Jordanien à mettre en scène des pièces anglaises et modernes à l'Amman Dramatic Society, avec Hani Snobar. Remarqués en 1956 par les autorités, nous avons monté la première troupe officielle jordanienne, la 'Jordan Theater Family', active jusqu'en 1976. La compagnie montait à la fois des classiques et des pièces originales en arabe."

Selon M. Zyoudie, la profession d'acteur n'a acquis ses lettres de noblesse qu'avec l'arrivée de la télévision, sans passer par le cinéma. "C'est une caste formée sur le tas, nécessité faisant loi. Rien à voir avec les quelques 10.000 comédiens égyptiens. Les nôtres vont souvent se perfectionner à l'étranger, précisément en Egypte par exemple". La Jordanie n'échappe pas au vedettariat (Nabil Macchini, Abir Aissa, etc.). Mais le gros des professionnels déplore d'être moins bien payé que les acteurs étrangers. Selon M. Zyoudie, ils touchent environ 1000 dinars par série et en tournent en moyenne quatre par an. Soit un revenu mensuel inférieur à 300 dinars. La vache enragée n'a pas de frontières...

Premier éditeur du Nobel égyptien en Occident

## Sindbad: le Paris des lettres arabes

C'est au cœur de Barbès, l'un des quartiers arabes de Paris. Deux petites boutiques qui ne payent pas de mine. C'est là pourtant que, depuis 1972, les éditions Sindbad jouent un rôle primordial en France de découvreur de la culture arabe, à l'instar de la culture arabe, à l'instar de la culture arabe, à l'instar de la culture arabe. Nous sommes en rupture de stock. Quelle baraka."

directeur de Sindbad, dont le siège ouvre de plain-pied sur une petite rue modeste où melpées arabes se mêlent aux cris d'enfants. "Le téléphone sonne sans cesse, les télégrammes affluent, je suis transformé en maison de la culture arabe. Nous sommes en rupture de stock. Quelle baraka."

La baraka

"La baraka", cet éditeur reconnaît l'avoir eu plusieurs fois dans sa vie. "J'ai été plusieurs fois au bord de la faillite", indique le directeur de Sindbad, qui a dû hériter du malicieux marin des Mille et une nuits le don de naviguer en eaux troubles. "En 1972, lorsque j'ai créé Sindbad, personne n'y croyait. J'ai dû faire face à la 'hostilité'. Au départ, Sindbad, avec un capital de 20.000 F (environ 3.200 dollars), compte un seul employé. 16 ans

plus tard, le "capital est toujours misérable, 120.000 F, mais 10 personnes y travaillent et près de 200 titres figurent au catalogue."

Pourtant, rien ne prédisposait Pierre Bernard à devenir le pionnier de la littérature arabe en France. Originaire d'une région rurale, il devient typographe. Son séjour en Algérie, durant la guerre, décide de sa vocation. A Alger, il rencontre Edmond Charlot, éditeur-découvreur d'Albert Camus.

En 1968, invité de Nasser au Caire, il rencontre Naguib Mahfouz, déjà mythe en Egypte mais totalement inconnu en Occident. Il décide d'éditer son chef-d'œuvre, "Passage des mirades", d'abord chez Jérôme Martinet, où il lance la collection "Bibliothèque arabe." En 1971, Mahfouz lui écrit pour le remercier de "l'immense travail effectué en faveur de la culture arabe."

Avec une parution de 20 titres par an, Sindbad, éditeur exclusivement consacré au monde arabe et islamique, couvre tous les domaines à travers de ses douze collections: poésie, littérature, sciences humaines et religion. Grands classiques comme Ibn Khaldoun ou Ibn Arabi et maîtres de l'orientalisme comme Jacques Berque ou André Michel, qui dirige d'ailleurs une collection, côtoient des contemporains comme Kateb Yacine, Adonis, Mohammed Dib ou Abdelwahab Meddeb. Avec un tirage oscillant entre 3.000 pour la poésie et 8.000 pour un livre comme "construire pour le peuple" d'Hassan Fathy, Sindbad s'enorgueillit de publier "le roman des Baibars", considéré comme le plus grand roman populaire arabe.

Le problème principal pour cet éditeur: la traduction, "les traducteurs arabes étant souvent en

France des professeurs qui ne sont pas des littéraires." Autre difficulté pour cette maison qui exporte sa production vers l'Algérie ou Le Koweït, "les Arabes n'ont pas encore compris l'importance stratégique culturelle de Sindbad. Paris est une capitale culturelle, Arabe et libre."

Sindbad, qui touche "un public composite, de l'homme cultivé à la marge cultivée de l'immigration", couvre l'ensemble du monde arabe: Égyptiens, Soudanais, Algériens, Irakiens, Syriens. Se définissant comme un "homme d'Orient et d'Occident", Pierre Bernard veut faire oeuvre de "connaissance, de respect et d'amitié qui permette l'enrichissement mutuel. Je suis persuadé qu'on est toujours à l'Orient de quelqu'un et à l'Occident de quelqu'un autre", conclut-il.

Christine Pouget (AFP)

## Le "Club" à Aqaba

Le Club Méditerranée, No 1 mondial des villages de vacances, et la Royal Jordanian Airlines, la plus importante compagnie aérienne du Moyen-Orient, ont signé, le 20 octobre à Paris, un protocole d'accord pour la création d'une société en "joint-venture" visant à développer le tourisme en Jordanie.

La constitution d'une société commune — Holiday Village of Jordan — dans laquelle la compagnie aérienne jordanienne détendra 51% et le Club Méditerranée 49%, a été annoncée par les PDG respectifs des deux groupes, MM. Gilbert Trigano et Ali Ghandour. Les premières réalisations de cet accord devraient voir le jour fin 1990 ou début 1991. Il s'agit tout d'abord d'un

village de vacances de 600 lits à Al-Yamania, près d'Akaba, sur un terrain de 12 hectares situé en bord de la mer rouge. Le Club Méditerranée gèrera également deux "villas" de 120 lits près du site de Petra et à Wadi Rum. M. Trigano a déclaré que l'investissement total pour ces trois établissements représenterait une somme supérieure à 100 millions de francs. Le club Méditerranée, qui gère 110 villages et 13 villas dans le monde, pense amener 20.000 à 25.000 touristes par an en Jordanie, en raison notamment de l'attrait que constitue la combinaison de circuits culturels et d'un séjour balnéaire au bord de la Mer Rouge. La Jordanie accueille actuellement 200.000 entrées de touristes par an.

FIGURE

## Ex-fan des sixties

Zafer Toukan, 35 ans, a le blues des années soixante. Tous les jeudis soirs, il fait planer sur les ondes de Radio Jordan le spectre fleuri des années psychédélices: Beatles, Velvet Underground et même le Français Nino Ferrer ("Gaston ya l'téléphone qui son..."). Quatre heures de nostalgie à poil long, assortie de commentaires nourris par sa connaissance encyclopédique.

Allergique à toute musique post-1977 (le grand tournant punk et disco), Zafer est un exégète du blues (deux émissions hebdomadaires) et de la musique "progressive". Petit dernier d'une famille de 10 garçons mélomanes, il déclare posséder une collection de 800 disques. "Il y avait toujours un teenager à la maison, qui écoutait la musique du moment, ramenée de voyages en Angleterre", se souvient Zafer.

A cinq ans, il vibrait déjà sur les tempos binaires d'Elvis et de Bill Haley. En 1975, il part pour sept ans étudier l'économie politique au Texas, où il fait provision de galènes de circ. C'est en 1985 qu'il inaugure son émission de blues sur Radio Jordan. "J'ai dû lutter pour imposer ma musique:



la plupart des animateurs de la radio ne la trouvaient pas assez commerciale", dit-il. Aujourd'hui encore, le style Zafer Toukan ne fait pas l'unanimité. "Je reçois des appels injurieux, d'auditeurs qui me reprochent d'être rétrograde et surtout de trop parler. Mais j'attache une très grande importance à la relation personnelle que j'établis par la voix avec mes auditeurs", insiste-t-il.

Blues le vendredi (22h-23h) et le dimanche (18h-19h)

Sixties-seventies le jeudi (20h-minuit)

MANGER

## La crêperie: en douceur



Certains l'aiment calme: à La Crêperie, on a peu de chance de trouver la cohue. Seule la musique — chanson française — ponctue une conversation qu'affine le bouquet d'un Graves, Pomard ou Châteauneuf du Pape (comptez 5 à 12 dinars la bouteille). On l'a compris, le premier argument de la Crêperie est sa cave. Un Beaujolais Villages irréprochable, idéal pour accompagner la spécialité maison: les crêpes il fallait s'en douter. Crevettes, sole meunière, poulet-Emmental,

préparées sous vos yeux avec doigté. Rien de très original, certes, mais un régal des yeux et du palais. Et pour les affamés, pourra suivre un steak piccata, au Roquefort ou un Tournedos très décaints. Le tout servi avec sourire, discrétion et en français par Nada, la maîtresse — libanaise — des lieux. Cadre sobre mais raffiné. Environ 7 dinars par personne pour un bon repas arrosé.

La Crêperie, hôtel Shepherd, 2ème cercle, tél. 639197.

A L'AFFICHE

## CONCERTS

### Teresa Azzaro, piano

Professeur au Conservatoire de Pérouse, Teresa Azzaro a donné de nombreux concerts à travers le monde. Elle interprète Cimarosa, Beethoven, Respighi et Prokofiev.

Joué 27 à 28h00 au Centre culturel royal.

Samedi 29 à 20h00 au conservatoire de la Fondation Nor Al Hussein

Renseignements: Ambassade d'Italie, 636185

### Orchestre symphonique de Princeton

Rossini, Mozart, Bizet, Strauss et Tchaikovsky sont au programme de ce deuxième concert. En première partie, l'orchestre symphonique de l'armée jordanienne.

Vendredi 28 à 20h00, Palais de la culture (Sports city)

Renseignements: 687620

## Stop making sense

Concert filmé des Talking Heads, le fameux groupe de rock "new wave" new-yorkais ("Psycho killer, qu'est-ce que c'est...")

Centre américain, mardi 1er à 19h00

## CONFERENCE

### Les origines de l'homme

Denis Geraud, chercheur au CNRS et professeur de préhistoire au Collège de France, animera une conférence sur les origines de l'être humain.

CCF, mercredi 2 à 18h00.

## TELEVISION

"Le coup de parapluie", de Gérard Oury, avec Pierre Richard, Valérie Mairesse, Gérard Jugnot, Grégoire, comédie, à la passion des femmes. Par malchance, il cohabite avec une contrainte qui a élaboré un système de surveillance très efficace pour surveiller ses éventuelles incartours (JTV, vendredi 28 à 17h30)

## Ma photo dans le journal

"Septembre, dans les hauteurs d'Irak El Emir. Le bédouin voyageait absolument scrupuleux la colline à travers l'objectif de mon appareil photo. Il m'a laissé mon deuxième appareil, et je m'en suis servi..."

(Photo Bertrand Combalduc, France)

Vous aussi, envoyez-nous vos clichés drôles ou insolites, avec un court texte. Nous en ferons profiter les lecteurs.





# Saudi share market surges

RIYADH (R) — Saudi Arabia's fledgling share market is in the midst of a mini-boom, which has seen prices of selected stocks register double-digit growth in the past 10 weeks.

"The market is really jumping now," said one local player. "Money can be made."

Shares of the giant SABIC petrochemical company, one of the market leaders, were trading at 103 riyals (\$27) Aug. 4. Ten weeks later they were selling at 173 riyals (\$46).

And in October, the Saudi share index broke the 80 point barrier for the first time in at least a year, touching 86.30 in the week ended Oct. 20 from 79.89 at the end of last month.

Analysts say there are several reasons for the market's upturn. First is the ceasefire between Iraq and Iran which became operative Aug. 20, ending nearly eight years of fighting.

"There is growing optimism that local Gulf economies, including ours, will benefit from the peace between Iraq and Iran," said one banker. "The reconstruction of both Iraq and Iran means large business opportunities."

A second reason for the boom in Saudi stocks is the fact that local investors are bringing their funds home.

"Last year's October crash in stock prices made many Saudis realise that foreign investment is risky," said another banker. "Although it's difficult to say

how much capital has been returned, it does seem as if the flight of capital out of Saudi Arabia has been stemmed," he added.

A third factor has been a resurgence of confidence in the Saudi economy.

Sectors including petrochemicals and banking are showing strong growth. Profits and sales at SABIC are soaring while profits at some banks have nearly doubled.

Cement companies have also rebounded thanks to protective tariffs enacted by the government earlier this year.

Interest in the market has also remained strong due to four share flotations this year after a hiatus of more than 30 months.

The Taiba Company for Real Estate and Development led the way in March with a 300 million riyals (\$79 million) issue.

That was followed by the 149.1 million riyals (\$39 million) Al

Jouf Agricultural Development Company issue, the 322.5 million riyals (\$86 million) Al Rajhi Banking and Investment Corporation float and the 336.4 million riyals (\$89.7 million) Makah Company for Real Estate and Development issue.

All but Al Jouf were fully covered.

"The flotations proved that there is money in the market looking for investments," noted one stock analyst.

"Real estate remains depressed and the bonds are just beginning to be accepted. For the time being, the stock market remains the place to be," he said.

The market has also been helped by the emergence of unofficial stock brokers.

Although the Saudi Arabian Monetary Agency (SAMA) decreed in 1985 that all trading had to be done through banks, a number of brokers have begun trading, using their private holdings.

"They have helped stimulate the market by serving as market movers," said another analyst.

Some scepticism about the

Saudi market remains, however.

Despite its boom, the market remains narrow with only 50 stocks being actively traded. Some brokers say it needs more direction if it is to play a larger role in Saudi Arabia's economic development.

Although SAMA has instituted many reforms which have helped trading, one of its last moves — the opening of a central trading hall — was abruptly cancelled in May, 1987.

"If the central trading hall will not be reopened, then we need to know where we are going," said one analyst. "We have a stock market but we need to know what kind of market it will be."

"There is still a lot of uncertainty as to how the market will work. We have to know whether trading will revert back to the old broker system or stay with banks," he added.

Others said the market needed to be broadened which could be accomplished if companies from other Gulf Cooperation Council countries were listed or if the primary market (share flotations) were made easier.

# Pharmaceutical conference calls for mergers, controls and common market

AMMAN (Petra, J.T.) — A three-day Arab symposium on Arab pharmaceuticals ended here Wednesday with a call on Arab states to establish a common market for their pharmaceutical products and to introduce measures to promote the drug industries.

Arab Company of Drug Industries and Medical Appliances (ACDIMA) Director-General Muwaffaq Haddadin said that the participants discussed marketing of Arab pharmaceuticals, exchange of expertise in the drug industries and means of ensuring sufficient medicine supplies to the Arab World.

The conference came out with 18 recommendations which are being referred to policy makers and concerned authorities in Arab countries, Haddadin pointed out.

He said that marketing of Arab medicine, developing drug industries, controlling the quality of

produced products protecting local markets from foreign competition and the establishment of a pan-Arab centre to study marketing of drug products were among the main recommendations announced at the final session.

Haddadin said that the participants urged Arab states to impose strict controls on the production and sale of veterinary medicine and the adoption of a pan-Arab strategy on research in drug manufacturing.

According to Haddadin, the participants emphasised the importance of employing highly qualified personnel in the manufacture of drugs and the importance of exchanging expertise and information among Arab pharmaceutical industries.

They also stressed the importance of merging small industries to form large corporations capable of confronting foreign competition, Haddadin added.

The conference, he said, urged Arab countries to agree on and issue a periodical index of prices of raw materials used in drug manufacturing industries.

Haddadin Monday told delegates that Arab pharmaceutical industries face various problems and challenges which can only be tackled with serious coordination among concerned parties.

The conference, which was organised by ACDIMA and which was held in response to a call by the Council of Arab Health Ministers was attended by delegates from 15 Arab countries and representatives of various drug manufacturing industries in Arab and foreign states.

## AMMAN EXCHANGE RATES

| Wednesday rates             |       |       |                        |       |       |
|-----------------------------|-------|-------|------------------------|-------|-------|
| Central Bank official rates |       |       |                        |       |       |
|                             | Buy   | Sell  |                        | Buy   | Sell  |
| U.S. dollar                 | 442.0 | 444.0 | Japanese yen (for 100) | 248.9 | 250.6 |
| Pound Sterling              | 774.5 | 778.4 | Dutch guilder          | 219.1 | 220.2 |
| Deutschemark                | 247.0 | 248.2 | Swedish crown          | 71.1  | 71.5  |
| Swiss franc                 | 281.0 | 282.5 | Italian lira (for 100) | 33.1  | 33.2  |
| French franc                | 72.2  | 72.6  | Belgian franc (for 10) | 117.9 | 118.5 |

## AMMAN FINANCIAL MARKET

| Activity on the Amman Financial Market for Oct. 26, 1988. |        |           |           |
|---|--------|-----------|-----------|
|   | Number | Volume    | Contracts |
| Regular market:   | 616863 | JD 755231 | 763       |
| Top three companies:                                      |        |           |           |
| Jordan Cement Factories                                   | 95304  | JD 124966 | 82        |
| Arab Bank Limited   | 580    | JD 74845  | 32        |
| Intermediate Petrochemical Industries                     | 37850  | JD 52142  | 59        |
| Parallel market:  | 6836   | JD 4777   | —         |
| Development bonds:  | —      | —         | —         |
| Treasury bills & bonds:                                   | —      | —         | —         |

## JORDAN BUSINESS DIRECTORY

|                                       |        |   |        |
|---------------------------------------|--------|---|--------|
| Ministry of Industry and Trade        | 663191 | Jordan Commercial Centres                 | 603507 |
| Ministry of Supply                    | 602121 | Free Zones Corporation                    | 642001 |
| Ministry of Finance                   | 636321 | Amman Financial Market                    | 660170 |
| Ministry of Planning                  | 644466 | Amman Chamber of Commerce                 | 666151 |
| Ministry of Labour                    | 662186 | Amman Chamber of Industry                 | 644747 |
| Ministry of Communications            | 847391 | Association of Banks in Jordan            | 662258 |
| Ministry of Agriculture               | 639391 | Jordan Association of Insurance Companies | 647370 |
| Income Tax Department                 | 660151 | General Statistics Department             | 846171 |
| Central Bank of Jordan                | 630201 | Jordanian Businessmen Association         | 680663 |
| Amman Customs Department              | 772181 |   |        |
| Social Security Corporation           | 643000 |   |        |
| Jordan Industrial Estates Corporation | 721194 |   |        |

## LONDON EXCHANGE RATES

LONDON (R) — Following are the buying and selling rates for leading world currencies and gold against the dollar at midday on the London foreign exchange and bullion markets Wednesday.

|                   |               |                  |  |
|-------------------|---------------|------------------|--|
| One Sterling      | 1.7520/30     | U.S. dollar      |  |
| One U.S. dollar   | 1.2005/15     | Canadian dollar  |  |
|                   | 1.7905/15     | Deutsche marks   |  |
|                   | 2.0195/0205   | Dutch guilders   |  |
|                   | 1.5185/92     | Swiss francs     |  |
|                   | 37.50/53      | Belgian francs   |  |
|                   | 6.1160/1210   | French francs    |  |
|                   | 1332/1333     | Italian lire     |  |
|                   | 126.80/90     | Japanese yen     |  |
|                   | 6.2220/70     | Swedish crowns   |  |
|                   | 6.6680/6730   | Norwegian crowns |  |
|                   | 6.9020/70     | Danish crowns    |  |
| One ounce of gold | 407.50/408.00 | U.S. dollars     |  |

## WORLD STOCK MARKETS

SYDNEY — Shares closed barely steady after a lacklustre day of thin trading. The All Ordinaries index edged up 0.7 points to 1,581.5.

TOKYO — Prices ended the day on a high note in heavy turnover as investors turned more confident in the market. The Nikkei index rose 199.11, or 0.73 per cent, to 27,620.60.

HONG KONG — The Hang Seng index closed above the key chart point of 2,600 for the first time since Aug. 15 as battle for control of Hongkong and Shanghai Hotels intensified. The index ended 26.09 points up on Tuesday's close, at 2,610.62.

SINGAPORE — Share prices closed generally higher on selective institutional buying support and bargain hunting in moderate trading. The Straits Times Industrial index rose 6.53 to 1,043.22.

BOMBAY — Share prices recovered to close mixed on fresh upcountry support. Tata Steel rose 12.5 rupees to 992.5.

FRANKFURT — Bolstered by strong foreign and domestic demand, as well as the dollar's stability, West German shares surged to new 1988 highs before slipping slightly. The Real-Time 30-share DAX index closed at 1,310.63, up 16.91 points or 1.3 per cent from the previous close.

ZURICH — Swiss shares closed slightly higher on moderate to high turnover. The All Share Swiss index firmed at 4.5 points to 938.7.

PARIS — French share prices were off highs in moderately active trading by midday with operators concerned by September French trade figures due for release Thursday. The 50-share price indicator showed a 0.30 per cent gain at 1200 GMT.

LONDON — Share prices were mixed but showing a firmer bias in very quiet late trading with investors cautious ahead of Thursday's U.K. September balance of payments data. By 1555 GMT the FTSE 100 index was 4.1 points up at 1,851.9.

NEW YORK — Wall Street stocks showed small losses in quiet midday trading. Blue chips were regaining some of their losses. The Dow was off seven at 2166 after falling to 2157.

# U.S. GNP slows to 2.2%

WASHINGTON (AP) — The U.S. economy grew at a modest 2.2 per cent annual rate from July through September, the weakest performance in almost two years, the government reported Wednesday.

Many economists viewed the gross national product (GNP) report as good news because the slowdown should reduce the need for the Federal Reserve (Fed) to drive interest rates higher as a way of dampening demand in an overheated economy.

"The burden will certainly be off the Fed to tighten because of

inflationary pressures," said Michael Evans, head of a Washington forecasting firm. "This appears to be heading us toward the soft landing everyone was looking for."

Before Wednesday's report, many economists had been looking for the economy to turn in its best growth performance since 1984, the last presidential election year.

In that year, the GNP had shot up by 6.4 per cent, a giant increase that many believed helped President Ronald Reagan win reelection.

Republican candidate George Bush has been campaigning on a prosperity theme this year, citing the fact that the country is now enjoying a peacetime record six straight years of economic growth.

The weaker-than-anticipated

showing threw in doubt the ability of the economy to meet the Reagan administration's projection of 3.5 per cent growth for the entire year.

Reaching that level will require an increase of 3.4 per cent in the fourth quarter. Many analysts believe the economy has begun to slow, and a rebound in growth in the final three months of the year is not considered likely.

But Commerce Undersecretary Robert Ortner said the report shows the economy is still enjoying steady growth in the expansion following the 1981-82 recession.

"Next month marks the sixth anniversary of this economic expansion," he said.

The Commerce Department blamed the weak growth rate on the impact of the summer drought, a deterioration in the country's trade performance and a drop in government purchases of defence equipment.

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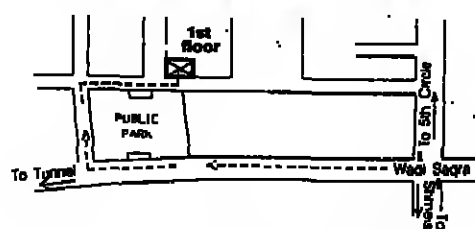
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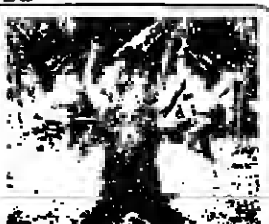


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## Former boxing champ trains his son

NEW YORK (AP) — A man who lives on boxing's fringe spotted the former fighter and said, "how are you Mr. Liston."

"What, the fighter said, looking as if he had been struck."

"What did you say?" a bystander asked, while glancing at the old boxer.

"I'm sorry Mr. Patterson," said the embarrassed man on the fringe.

Floyd Patterson laughed.

Two one-round knockout losses to the late Sonny Liston are 25 years in the past for Patterson, who is intimately involved with boxing's present through his adopted son, Tracy Harris Patterson, a 23-year-old featherweight with a 26-1 record.

A 53-year-old Patterson trains and manages Tracy.

The case of the mistaken identity in a hallway of the Madison Square Garden occurred when Patterson stopped by the Garden's boxing department recently while his son was at the New York State athletic commission taking a physical examination for a bout Thursday at the Garden's Felt Forum.

Patterson, who came under the tutelage of the late Cus D'Amato as a youngster, as did heavyweight champion Mike Tyson, met Tracy at the former champion's gym at his home in upper New York State where he lives with his wife Janet.

"He was about 12 or 13 years old," Patterson said. "He used to come to gym and watch guys work out."

Mostly amateur boxers trained at Patterson's gym, a converted chicken coop.

"On day I asked him if he would like to try it," Patterson recalled. "So I gave him some equipment."

Next came odd jobs, for which the youngster was paid, and sleeping in the gym on nights, he stayed late.

## Cockerill magic scores for Southampton

LONDON (R) — Glenn Cockerill scored two stunning second-half goals Tuesday as Southampton poured more pressure on Tottenham manager Terry Venables and his expensive array of stars by beating the North London side 2-1.

Cockerill, only recently returned to the side after suffering a broken jaw, produced a superb volley in the 69th minute to pull Southampton back on terms after a Ray Wallace own goal in the 16th minute had put Tottenham ahead.

Then, with seven minutes left, Cockerill picked up the ball just inside the Tottenham half and ran on to beat goalkeeper Bobby Mimms from 20 metres.

Tottenham, needing points badly to escape from the basement of the first division, were left to rue a number of missed chances, two of them by England winger Chris Waddle.

Alan Smith continued his rich vein of scoring at Luton when he volleyed Arsenal ahead in the 13th minute.

But the Gunners' hopes of a sixth successive victory were dashed by Northern Ireland international Kingsley Black when he curled home a free kick in the 56th minute.

The 1-1 draw lifted Arsenal into third spot in the table.

## SPORTS IN BRIEF

### Frenchman killed by avalanche

KATMANDU (AP) — A French alpinist was killed last week when an avalanche swept him 300 metres down Mount Shartse, the tourism ministry said Wednesday. The ministry said Erik Bourdais, 26, from St. Maur Des Fosses, the leader of a three-member expedition to the 7,459-metre Himalayan peak, was killed Friday. It said Bourdais and Jean-Marc Perrot, 27, from Franconville, had left their first camp at 5,600 metres early Friday to scout the route for their proposed second camp at an elevation of 6,220 metres on the south ridge of the mountain.

### African champ says he lost millions

LONDON (AP) — Brian Mitchell, the World Boxing Association's super featherweight champion, said Tuesday that despite speaking out against apartheid he had lost \$1.75 million because he is South African. At a news conference to promote his Nov. 2 title defence against Britain's Jim McDonnell, Mitchell said he had to travel all over the world to fight because top challengers refused to compete in his homeland.

### Bears have narrow win over sliding 49ers

NEW YORK (R) — The Chicago Bears edged out the San Francisco 49ers by 10 points to 9 in Monday night's only National Football League game. As a result, the Bears have consolidated their position at the top of the Central Division of the National Conference with a 7-1 record. Sliding San Francisco are now third with a 5-3 record in the NC's Western Division.

## Paralympics 'a turning point'

SEOUL (AP) — A blitz of hundreds, perhaps even a thousand, records were set during the International Paralympic Games — establishing new standards for the elite disabled sports competition.

Tuesday, the day after the games closed, official records showed 1,592 records, 603 of them new world records. Some questioned the accuracy and said it would take time for a new accounting.

"The exact number doesn't matter," said a British official. "What matters is that the competitors are getting very good and disabled sports will benefit."

Disabled athletes compare their times and training to able-bodied athletes and many say they regularly train with them.

"These people are looked at as athletes who happen to have a disability, not disabled people who happen to be a recreational athlete," said Michael Mushert, chairman of the U.S. team.

"The ultimate goal for the elite of the disabled is to compete against the able-bodied," he said.

The largest ever international games for the disabled ended Monday after 10 days of competition which drew 4,000 participants from 62 nations.

Juan Antonio Samaraeb, president of the International Olympic Committee, said the games were "a turning point" for disabled sports.

It was not unusual for the top two or three finishers in an event to break the existing world record. In the men's amputee 200-metre race, for instance, the first six across the finish line all bettered the existing record.

The winner of that race, Dennis Oehler of the United

States, had two days before become the fastest amputee athlete in the world by running 100-metres in 17.73 seconds, just 1.9 seconds slower than the world record for able-bodied athletes.

"What's happening in disabled sports" became the games' hot topic.

Experts say faster times are helped by new equipment and technology, better training facilities, better training methods, the competition of more disabled athletes who were champion athletes before becoming disabled and the increasing recognition disabled sports receives in schools, communities and the press.

Although no one yet foresees the day a blind or amputee runner might beat a Carl Lewis, there's little question that the elite disabled athlete is a more able competitor and the equipment — the wheelchair, the prosthetic — needed to make competition possible is better developed.

"Training programmes and technology are more sophisticated," said Mushert.

The biggest single improvement are the new high-tech prosthetics for amputees, he said, devices to add arms or legs which can cost from \$4,000 to \$20,000.

"The picture of an amputee used to be the old peg legged pirate and the prosthetic was a stump. In time, the stump came to be shaped more like a leg, but it was still a stump," he said.

"There have been dramatic breakthroughs in the last couple years. The amputee now has options," said Charles Cook of the United States amputee athletes association. "Ten years ago he or she had no options."

## McEnroe fans turn Paris Open into sports circus

PARIS (R) — An almost hysterical French crowd turned the clash between John McEnroe and Henri Leconte into a farce at the \$1.1-million Paris Open men's tennis Grand Prix Tuesday night.

McEnroe, enjoying the support of French fans, perversely jeering their own countryman, won 7-5, 6-1 in a match marred by protests, warnings and countless interruptions by an audience anticipating a gladiatorial contest.

The American, once regarded in Paris as the epitome of the bad boy of the tennis circuit, is now looked on as a folk hero and the worse he behaves the more the crowd seems to love him.

The fans bayed as if for blood from the start, cheering wildly as McEnroe marched on court and roundly booing Leconte, who for all his attractive attacking style has few true admirers at home.

Clearly depressed by the crowd reaction, third seed Leconte

slumped to a 4-0 deficit before rallying bravely to level at 5-5, saving five set points on his own service in doing so.

McEnroe lost that game on a penalty point incurred for a second court violation when he had-temperately stamped on an advertising hoarding and broke it.

The decision by umpire Bruno Rebeuh aroused the fury of a crowd intent on showing where its sympathies lay. During that one game, McEnroe protested no fewer than four line calls.

The former world number one, for once appearing as an unseeded player, finally broke Leconte's next service game to win the set 7-5.

It was the ninth time the two left-handers have met in competition and it was McEnroe's ninth win. Leconte predictably collapsed in the second set winning just five points.

## Graf is still 'in the groove'

BRIGHTON (AP) — Steffi Graf raced to the net to reach a drop shot and whipped over a cross court back hand that her opponent could only return wide.

Graf's first competitive point since winning the Olympic tennis title showed that the sport's first "Golden Slam" champion is still in the groove.

"When I win something, I start all over again," she said.

To Graf, the \$250,000 midland Group championship is just another tournament she has to win.

"I don't feel any different now I am the Olympic champion. When I go into a tournament I just concentrate on how I hit the ball and on winning the points."

"My next goal is to win the Brighton Tournament," the 19-year-old West German said.

Graf steamrollered Czechoslovakia's Iva Budarova 6-3, 6-2 in the first round at Brighton, her first competitive match since she became the first woman's Olympic champion for 64 years.

The 28-year-old Czechoslovak, who has been on the circuit for

ten years, tried to unsettle the world's no. 1 player by going to for winners with almost every shot.

It didn't work.

"I usually hit the ball hard, but this time I hit it even harder," Budarova said.

"She is just so fast. When you feel you have made a good shot, she returns it with an even better one."

Graf's lightning speed and sledgehammer forehand remain her greatest assets. But she also injected some well disguised drop shots and some wristy backhands that arrowed low across the net to keep her opponent at full stretch.

Pam Shriver, second seed behind Graf for the tournament, said there were signs from the match that the West German was adding some new facets to her already formidable game.

"She hit a few more drop shots and played with a little more finesse, but she still has those other big weapons to base her game on."

"If she adds other things to her game, the sky's the limit," the American said.

Coming on top of her victories at the Australian, French, Wimbledon and United States championships, the Olympic title gave Graf an unprecedented "golden slam."

Next year she will chase a second Grand Slam, this time without the bonus of an Olympic gold, which is only contested every four years.

In stark contrast to the basic athletes' accommodation she was

sharing with countrywoman Claudia Kohde Kilsch in Seoul, Graf is staying in a \$1,700 a night hotel suite in Brighton.

But her coach and father, Peter Graf, makes sure her down to earth personality is not affected by her swelling bank account.

"They joke about newspaper stories on her personal life, especially about reports linking her romantically with a Dutch boxer and an English politician."

"I only have to talk to someone for half a minute and, the next day, it's half a page in the newspapers," Steffi said.

Peter Graf also steers his daughter clear of the danger of burn-out by making sure she has frequent breaks from tennis.

"I tell her to stop practicing for nine or ten days. But I have to stop her going back onto the practice court after three."

Graf says that despite her punishing schedule, she still looks forward to playing tournaments.

"I have no trouble with motivation. I practice a lot so it's good to go out and play some tournaments again."

"Coming to tournaments, I have something to look forward to, something to go for, something to enjoy."

Graf also enjoys buying things.

The day before the tournament, the West German teenager went shopping in London's fashionable King's Road and bought 15 compact discs to add to her swelling collection.

On Sunday, Graf is expected to be in the final of the Brighton tournament to add yet another championship to her collection.

## GOREN BRIDGE

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 ♥ A 9 5  
 ♦ 8 2  
 ♣ J 7 3 2

**EAST**  
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 ♥ 7 6  
 ♦ K Q 10 4  
 ♣ 9 8 4

**WEST**  
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 ♥ 7 6  
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 ♣ 9 8 4

**EAST**  
 ♠ 10 7 6 4 2  
 ♥ 7 6  
 ♦ K Q 10 4  
 ♣ 9 8 4

**THE BIDDING:**  
 North East South West  
 1♠ Pass 1♥ Pass  
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 5♥ Pass

Opening lead: King of ♠

To be a good declarer you need the instincts of a super-sleuth. You piece together the clues you derive from the bidding and play, and use the inferences you derive to counter the dastardly plans cooked up by the enemy.

Suppose that you become declarer at four hearts after an intelligent auction. (Don't you always bid that way?) The key move was your partner's raise of your suit despite holding only three-card support; he was not good enough to show his spades and then support hearts later.

West leads the king of diamonds.

East overtakes with the ace and shifts to the eight of spades, which you win in hand. Can East have a bare ace of diamonds?

Not possible. Why? Because that would give West an eight-card suit and he would be preempting the heck out of the hand. Why then the spade shift? Elementary, my dear Watson. (Incidentally, did you know that phrase does not appear anywhere in the Sherlock Holmes stories?) East must have a singleton spade.

How do you go about stopping a spade ruff? One way is to try to draw trumps, but that is unlikely to succeed here. Why not? Because if East is short in spades, he probably has trump length, so you probably can't draw all his trumps in time.

Is there another way? Perhaps. You might be able to stop West from gaining the lead to give his partner a ruff. Cash the ace-king of clubs, then cross to the ace of hearts. If the king does not drop, lead the jack of clubs. If East produces the queen, discard your diamond and claim the contract, conceding a trump trick. If East plays low, you have to guess. Is he good enough to conceal the queen? If the answer is no, ruff and hope trumps are 3-2. If yes, you have to decide whether to ruff or discard.

## FORECAST FOR THURSDAY, OCTOBER 27, 1988

### YOUR DAILY HOROSCOPE

— As Charted By The Carroll Righler Astrological Foundation

#### GENERAL TENDENCIES:

Start the wheels in motion, and accept the goodwill of others. Dream of being on top, but the leader formulating big plans. A king of the mountain, many feel in control and want to push onward now.

**ARIES** (Mar. 21 to Apr. 19) You feel that more heads are better than one, but stay out of a political situation at work. Let the agitators act alone. Your career gets moving.

**TAURUS** (Apr. 20 to May 20) Lavish yourself, but not when you are down in the dumps. Finances will have to stay on course for a while. Use your best judgment.

**GEMINI** (May 21 to June 21) You have intriguing information as a result of some intuitive detective work. Do some soul searching before acting on this.

**MOON CHILDREN** (June 22 to Jul. 21) Be cautious when talking about secrets and confidential material to the wrong folks. They may seem okay, but make sure.

**LEO** (Jul. 22 to Aug. 21) Your self-confident attitude can bring you into a leadership role. Shrug off those who hang on to ride your coattails. Use your energy.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 22 to Sept. 22) Currently at work you may be plodding

along unspectacularly, but there is a light at the end of the tunnel. Share your feelings with family.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22) Energetically pursue pleasure in high spirits. Your Libra sunshine could provoke a romantic situation that has been growing.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) Focus on your own needs and wants to give you new strength. Business potentials brighten. Income control lessens the pressures at home.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21) Weigh a proposal's effect on your current objectives. Your tendency is to get overinvolved. Appraise and balance the situation.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22 to Jan. 20) Being one jump ahead, you wonder how an investment will culminate. Arrange for several baskets in which to put your eggs.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 21 to Feb. 19) You will enjoy your own company today. Relaxation free of outside interference refreshes you. Tend to personal considerations.

**PISCES** (Feb. 20 to Mar. 20) Worry over your own status is not well-founded. This stems from a current feeling of being unappreciated in spite of efforts.

of special favors granted to a family member. Getting together for discussions will put you in control.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22) Keep your weekend plans flexible. Unexpected changes may force reevaluation.

A fuss can be avoided by considering and using alternatives.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) Remain placid with a friend at work who may make overtures. This person is not in tune with you. The response may be short-lived.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21) Avoid a clash with a friend over money. Whether lending or borrowing, manage to neutralize the situation and avoid giving in.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22 to Jan. 20) You keep procrastinating on making reservations or buying tickets to events that interest you and your mate. Take action now.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 21 to Feb. 19) You have the green light to make home improvements which have recently been a source of irritation. Happiness is at a high point.

**PISCES** (Feb. 20 to Mar. 20) Mark this day on the calendar for future reference. It is a turning point. You will look back and see that future events started now.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 22 to Sept. 22) A misunderstanding occurs because

## THE BETTER HALF.

By Harris



"If we bank 25% of every paycheck, in ten years we'll have enough money to pay this month's bills."

## JUMBLE.

THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME by Henri Arnold and Bob Lee

Unscramble these four Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

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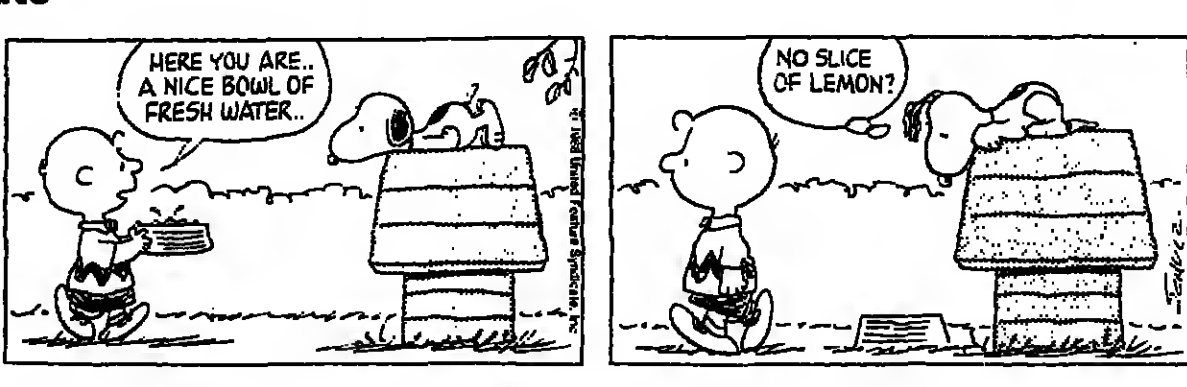
**JOBTEC**

Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

Answer here: A "OYLED GYROP LINKUE JOBTEC" (Answers Monday)

Yesterday's Jumbles: SUAVE ABIDE KITTEN HARBOR  
 Answer: A goldfisher is one who has what it takes to go this—TAKE WHAT ONE HAS

## Peanuts



## Mutt'n' Jeff



## Andy Capp





## Montenegro government quits amid political chaos

**BELGRADE (R)** — The government of Yugoslavia's southern Republic of Montenegro resigned Wednesday as fresh political chaos hit regions across the country.

Tanjug news agency said the Montenegro government quit despite the fact that three quarters of its members won a confidence vote Tuesday in the local assembly in Titograd, 470 kilometres southwest of Belgrade.

Montenegro Prime Minister Vukobratovic said: "Since a quarter of the members of the government have not obtained confidence, the government cannot carry out its function... the outcome must be seen as a severe criticism of our work."

The government said its resignation was "irrevocable" but Montenegrin parliamentarians were trying to persuade the administration to reverse its decision.

Montenegro, along the Albanian border, is the smallest of Yugoslavia's six republics with about 600,000 people, comprising Montenegrins, Serbs and Albanians. More than 110,000 Montenegrins live below poverty

level, according to official data.

Thousands of workers and students in Montenegro demonstrated Oct. 8 demanding the resignation of local and federal leaders for mismanaging the country.

The demonstration quickly merged with Serbian nationalist demands for a crackdown on ethnic Albanian nationalism in the autonomous Serbian province of Kosovo.

Kosovo's 200,000 Serbs claim they are being persecuted by the 1.7 million Albanians who they say want to drive them from the area.

Riot police broke up the Montenegro protest with tear-gas in a move unprecedented since Albanians rioted in Kosovo in 1981.

A similar rally Oct. 6 toppled the party apparatus in Yugoslavia's other autonomous province of Vojvodina.

The Yugoslav state presidency, the collective head of state, said it

will hold a rare joint meeting Friday with the federal government on the economic crisis. The country is facing 217 per cent inflation, widespread insolvency, one million unemployed and a wave of strikes.

### New upheavals

New upheavals were reported in Serbia, Vojvodina, Kosovo, and Bosnia as Yugoslavia's worst political crisis since World War II extended throughout the communist federation.

The official youth organisation, the Yugoslav Youth Alliance, also called on the ruling Communist Party to stop interfering in the economy.

"Clearly, one must acknowledge and respect the historical role of the Communist Party," Branko Greganovic, president of the official Socialist Youth Alliance, said in an interview with the semi-official newspaper Borba.

"But it should be ensured that (the party) does not have a monopoly. It has to prove itself every day," he said.



Kenneth Kaunda

## Zambians expected to re-elect Kaunda

**LUSAKA (R)** — Zambians voted in presidential and parliamentary elections Wednesday and were expected to re-elect veteran President Kenneth Kaunda to a sixth successive term.

The national news agency Zana reported a large turnout as voters went to the polls in dry, sunny weather.

The 64-year-old president, who has ruled Zambia since its independence from Britain in 1964, is standing unopposed.

Kaunda, known to Zambians as "KK", was in a buoyant mood when he cast his own vote at a polling station near his residence in Lusaka. Asked by reporters whether he felt confident about his re-election, he replied: "I overtake the people for granted. I go by what the people say. I am a fully-fledged democrat."

Neat, well-heeled queues of voters, many wearing their colourful Sunday best, appeared outside polling stations around the country soon after they opened at 6 a.m. They were due to close at 6 p.m. (1600 GMT).

Results are expected to be announced in the next two days. The more than 2.6 million registered voters, taking part in the fifth elections held since independence, face a straight yes-or-no vote on Kaunda.

They will mark their choice on a simple ballot paper depicting, for those who cannot read, an eagle for "yes" and a frog for "no."

A massive "yes" vote for Kaunda would dispel fears of growing discontent among Zambia's eight million people about the country's worsening economic plight, which has brought serious shortages of food and other essentials.

It would also confirm Kaunda's bold on power after the detention more than two weeks ago of six military officers and three civilians accused of subversive activities.

According to Western diplomats, the detained men were part of a suspected coup plot involving a cross-section of former politicians, businessmen and senior army and air force officers.

### Reagan signs veterans bill

**WASHINGTON (AP)** — President Ronald Reagan Tuesday signed legislation creating the Department of Veterans Affairs, telling vets they deserve "a seat at the table of our national affairs." In signing into law the bill establishing the 14th cabinet-level agency, Reagan made an election-year exception to his oft-stated opposition to expanding the size of federal government. At the conclusion of a speech to the National Defence University at Fort McNair in the district of Columbia, the president said that the nation's debt to its military men and women "does not end the day the uniform comes off. All of those who have served to America's uniform deserve the nation's thanks."

### Bangladesh ban on newspapers lifted

**DHAKA (AP)** — The government has lifted bans on two Bengali language national dailies saying the step was to show respect "freedom of press and democratic principles." An official statement said. The two newspapers, The Inquilab (Revolution) was banned Sept. 26 while the Banglar Bani (Voice of Bengal) was shut down in November last year.

### B-2 to make debut Nov. 22

**WASHINGTON (R)** — The revolutionary B-2 Stealth bomber, designed to strike deep inside the Soviet Union while avoiding radar detection, will make its public debut in California Nov. 22, the Defence Department said Tuesday. Department spokesman Dan Howard told reporters the bomber, a "flying wing" estimated to cost over \$450 million a plane, would be rolled out of a hangar at the Northrop Corp plant in Palmdale, California, near Los Angeles. Air force officials told Reuters a limited group of reporters and guests would be invited to see the bomber from a distance and that some photographs would be made available.

### Opposition claims Libya backing Noriega

**CARACAS (AP)** — Opposition leaders from Panama Tuesday denounced the Noriega regime's crackdown and charged the military dictator is receiving backing from Libya and international drug traffickers. Six leaders of opposition parties in the Panamanian congress met with a delegation of their Venezuelan counterparts and said they feared for their lives on their return to Panama. There, Manuel Antonio Noriega holds virtually absolute powers since deposing former President Eric Arturo del Valle in February 1988. When asked how Noriega was managing to keep himself in power given U.S. economic sanctions that have crippled the economy, an opposition leader claimed Libya was providing financial support, along with international drug traffickers who use Panamanian banks to launder their money.

## Fishermen join hunt for Philippine ferry victims

**ORMOC, Philippines (Agencies)** — Fishermen in small wooden canoes joined the hunt Wednesday for survivors of a Philippine ferry disaster and shattered victims were winched to safety by helicopter.

Dozens of survivors were found on three islands dotting the Azure Sea of the central Philippines where the 2,855-ton inter-island ferry Dona Marilyn, sank Monday with 500 people aboard as typhoon Ruby struck.

As it flew over Almagro, a volcanic island fringed by coconut palms, five Filipinos in a canoe helped an exhausted survivor of the tragedy aboard the rescue ship, Cebu Princess.

Several hundred villagers

watched from a crude rock jetty in front of a tiny village of a few dozen simple thatched wooden houses, as a Philippine air force Sikorsky helicopter picked up nine passengers from the tiny island.

Medical officers in Cebu, 575 kilometres south east of Manila, said the survivors were being taken to the island of Leyte.

In Manila, a spokesman for Sulpicio Lines, owners of the 22-year-old Dona Marilyn, said at least 27 people were confirmed dead and more than 300 missing in the disaster, the second major sea tragedy in the Philippines in 10 months.

At least 120 survivors were reported to have washed ashore

oo Almagro but it was impossible to land the helicopter on the craggy-peaked island because there was no flat landing space.

We flew over dozens of canoes which joined the Cebu Princess and another ship from Sulpicio Lines in the hunt for survivors under the burning tropical sun.

By mid-afternoon, the raging seas had returned to calm and from the air there was little sign of damage on land.

Inocencio Rodrico, a 38-year-old boatbuilder from a village in the northern tip of Cebu, told of the horror as typhoon Ruby ripped through the islands Monday and Tuesday, pounding fishing vessels and flimsy homes.

## Belgian switch on missiles threatens NATO harmony

**BRUSSELS (R)** — North Atlantic Treaty Organisation (NATO) defence ministers gathered in the Netherlands Wednesday with preparations for a two-day nuclear planning session overshadowed by an unexpected threat from Belgium to break ranks over short-range nuclear weapons.

In Belgium, a major political row blazed over the decision by the centre-left government not to endorse a top-level NATO report up for approval at the nuclear

planning group meeting Thursday and Friday in the Dutch resort of Scheveningen.

"Is Belgium about to make itself look ridiculous?" the French-language Catholic daily La Libre Belgique asked.

U.S. officials say the report only defines a role for short-range nuclear weapons in alliance strategy and does not address the more controversial question of when and how to modernise them.

They say even West Germany, which deploys most of NATO's short-range nuclear weapons on its territory and has most difficulty agreeing to modernisation, is expected to approve it.

Short-range nuclear weapons — those with a range of less than 500 kilometres — have assumed greater importance in NATO's nuclear defences since last year's superpower treaty scrapping intermediate-range, land-based systems.

## KKK ordered to pay \$1m to marchers

**ATLANTA (R)** — In a major civil rights victory, the white supremacist Ku Klux Klan was ordered Tuesday to pay nearly \$1 million to civil rights marchers pelted by rocks and bottles last year in an all-white Georgia county.

Federal Judge Charles Moyer unsealed a jury verdict awarding \$948,000 to 75 people attacked as they staged a January 1987 march in Forsyth County, near Atlanta, to mark the birthday of slain civil rights leader Martin Luther King Jr.

The defendants were 10 present and former members and two Georgia units of the white

supremacist group. The six-member jury consisted of five whites and a black.

The marchers chose Forsyth County, 70 kilometres north of Atlanta, because it had no black residents for 75 years.

The march was halted by 200 angry whites, including Klan members, who surrounded the marchers and pelted them with rocks and bottles. Several marchers were hurt.

After the attack, march leaders filed a suit charging that the Klan had conspired to deprive them of their civil rights. They asked for \$1.5 million in damages and the jury returned its verdict two

weeks ago.

However, Moyer sealed the decision because one of the march leaders, Atlanta City Council member Hosea Williams, withdrew from the suit during jury deliberations, saying he thought it was improper to seek money from Klan members.

Court officials then contacted the other plaintiffs to see if they wanted to continue the action.

The suit was tried by the Southern Poverty Law Centre, a civil rights group based in Montgomery, Alabama, and the verdict was the second major decision it won against the Klan.

## Crash sparks Peru pilots' threat

**JULIACA, Peru (AP)** — Aeroperu pilots, claiming the planes they fly are poorly maintained, threatened to strike Wednesday after the crash of an Aeroperu jetliner near this mountain city. Officials said 12 people died.

The state-owned airline said an American and three Europeans were among those killed Tuesday when the twin-jet Fokker-28, filed to capacity with 65 passengers and a crew of four, slammed into a flood plain a minute after takeoff.

Aeroperu spokesman Freddy Chirinos said 44 people were injured and one person was unaccounted for.

Many victims died from burns suffered after the plane split in three pieces on impact and the tail section burst into flames, officials said. Wreckage was scattered across a half-acre of pastureland and riverbed.

The jet had taken off from the Manco Capac airport in Juliaca, more than 3,650 metres above sea level near Lake Titicaca in southern Peru.

Chirinos said at least 19 foreigners, mainly tourists returning from the lake, were aboard the craft. Flight 771 was en route to

Lima, 870 kilometres northwest, with a stop in Arequipa.

Survivors and witnesses on the ground said the aircraft lost altitude seconds into the flight but regained it before crashing alongside the Canchallay River.

Transportation Minister Camilo Carrillo told reporters in Juliaca that pilot Fernando Bellina, who survived, averted greater disaster by swerving the stricken craft to avoid a hill and by crash landing on sand, which absorbed some of the impact.

Airline officials would not speculate on what caused the crash.

## French police dismiss Kennedy film

**MARSEILLE, France (R)** — Senior French police officers have cast doubt on a British television documentary that said President Kennedy was assassinated by Marseille gangsters hired by the U.S. mafia to protect their drug interests.

Superintendent Bernard Gravet, head of France's anti-drugs squad, told French television he found it hard to believe that petty gangsters recruited in the rough Mediterranean port would have been capable of carrying out such a crime.

"How can one believe that these 20-year-old youths, with Marseille accents you could cut with a knife and certainly not The film says the assassination

was an attempt by U.S. organised crime to stop a crackdown ordered by Kennedy and carried out by his brother, then Attorney-General Robert Kennedy, assassinated in 1968.

Honore Gevaudan, a former police chief who helped break the French connection in the 1970's, cast doubt on the drug link, saying the heroin ring had not been set up at the time of Kennedy's assassination.

"The American president could not have been trying to dismantle the French connection since he was assassinated in 1963 and American authorities only started to bother about rampant drug addiction in 1967-8," he told French radio.

### Australian wins British literary prize

**LONDON (R)** — Australian writer Peter Carey won Britain's top literary prize Tuesday with a love story set in 19th century England and Australia about a puritanical priest and a young heiress drawn together by their gambling addictions. "Oscar and Lucinda" — which mocks both religious and social narrow-mindedness — was a favourite among six novels shortlisted to win the £15,000 (\$26,250) Booker Prize. Carey, who lives in Sydney, received the award in person from the judges' Chairman Michael Foot, former leader of the opposition Labour Party, at a televised dinner at London's Guildhall.

### Superpowers to meet on Kampuchea

**WASHINGTON (AP)** — Top U.S. and Soviet officials will meet in Paris next week to discuss efforts to reach a settlement in Kampuchea as well as other topics of mutual concern in East Asia and the Pacific, the State Department said Tuesday. Assistant Secretary of State Gaston Sigur will meet with Soviet Deputy Foreign Minister Igor Rogachev Nov. 2 and 3 as part of periodic superpower talks on regional issues, said spokesman Charles Redman. "The (Kampuchea) issue is one of the most important" on the agenda, although not the only one, he added. Other topics are expected to include the recent moves towards rapprochement between North and South Korea.

### New poll gives Bush 13 point lead

**NEW YORK (R)** — George Bush now has a 13 percentage point lead over Michael Dukakis in the presidential election campaign, a new opinion poll indicated Tuesday. With only two weeks to go to the Nov. 8 ballot, the CBS Television/New York Times poll gave Republican Bush a 54-41 lead over Democrat Dukakis. A similar poll conducted two weeks ago gave the vice president 50-45 advantage over the Massachusetts governor. Other recent polls have put Bush about 10 points ahead.

### 6 sentenced for Gandhi riot deaths

**NEW DELHI (AP)** — A judge sentenced six people to life imprisonment for killing Sikhs during riots that erupted in November 1984 after Prime Minister Indira Gandhi's assassination, news reports said Wednesday. At least 3,000 people, mostly Sikhs, died in the riots in the capital and other parts of northern India. Gandhi's assassination by her Sikh bodyguards spurred a backlash against Sikhs by Gandhi supporters. The sentences handed down Tuesday were the first in connection with the riots, which raged for three days after Gandhi's killing Oct. 31, 1984. United News of India said the four also were sentenced to varying terms of imprisonment, including two years each of rigorous imprisonment, and fined 2,000 rupees (\$135) for destroying property. The sentences are to run concurrently.

## COLUMN 8

### Motorist jams highway with banknotes

**MADRID (R)** — A motorist scattered banknotes along a three-kilometre stretch of urban motorway in Madrid before vanishing in the traffic jam he caused, police said Wednesday. Witnesses said many drivers stopped to pick up the 1,000 and 5,000 peseta notes (worth \$8 and \$40), some of them leaving cars to run across the motorway. Police declined to estimate how much money the motorist threw out of his car in the Tuesday incident, but some media reports said it could be up to one million pesetas (\$8,000).

### Complete dinosaur skeleton unearthed

**PEKING (AP)** — Peasants in southwestern China discovered a 8.7-metre-long dinosaur skeleton after rains washed away soil to reveal a large skull, the official Xinhua news agency said Tuesday. Xinhua said the well-preserved skeleton, which measured 3.5 metres tall, was found in Lufeng county in Yunnan province and was excavated by archaeologists this month. Xinhua's Yunnan bureau said it believed the dinosaur had not yet been identified or dated.

### Beer, grain build 558-kg hog

**NORTH LEWISBURG, Ohio (AP)** — Farmer Bob Corbett has a special formula to make his prize hog one of the biggest around. He feeds the hog, called Chief, 10 cans of beer and 14 kilograms of grain each day. The formula is working for Chief, who now weighs 558 kilograms. The hog is represented by a lawyer from Urbana, gets as much as \$700 for appearances at county fairs and has been on national television shows. Corbett, 65, quit his job as a prison guard to devote full time to Chief, who was born one of a litter of 11 six years ago. Chief's menu includes corn, steamed barley, oats, rolled oats, alfalfa meal, soybean meal, commercially prepared meat scraps and molasses, all washed down by beer to thin his blood and prevent kidney stones.

## WEEKEND CROSSWORD

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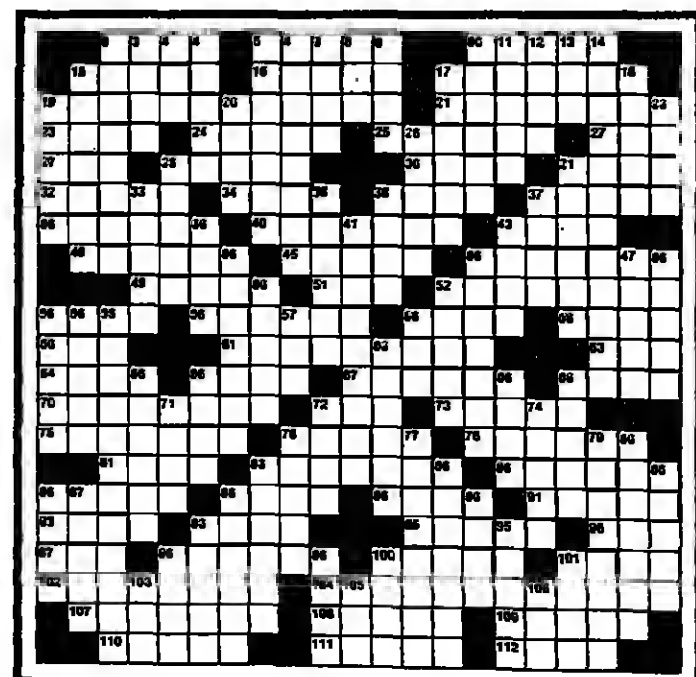
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Last Week's Cryptograms

1. Holy covert operation: A still in time saves adding to my meandering pile.
2. Lane Arab stride lame camel came to oasis in calm Arabian desert.
3. TV sitcom: More vicarious lethal stimulation than normal situations.
4. Golfer pays inordinate greens fee in order to play.

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—By Conale Rosenfeld
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—By Lois H. Jones